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Israel fails to quell West Bank uprising

TEL AVIV, March 23 (Agencies) — Heavy machine gun fire was heard throughout West Bank towns Tuesday as Israeli troops fired to disperse demonstrators and keep the population indoors on the fifth day of the general uprising there.

The troops were apparently having trouble controlling the occupied West Bank despite a curfew clamped down since Saturday on Ramallah and other towns. The curfew was extended Tuesday to southern West Bank town of Halhul and other areas where demonstrators, including women and schoolchildren, took to the streets hailing bullets.

In eastern Jerusalem, troops and police failed for the fifth day in a row to get Arab shopkeepers to open their stores.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government Tuesday faced no-confidence motions over its policy in the occupied areas.

Israeli military sources reported disturbances throughout the occupied areas. Two Palestinian teenagers have been shot dead and several wounded in clashes with Israeli soldiers following the dismissal of the municipal council of El Bireh last week. El Bireh was under curfew for the third day while a blockade remained in force around Nablus and Ramallah.

Israel radio reported that a soldier had been wounded in the head by a stone thrown by demonstrators near Nablus Tuesday and

the authorities had sealed off the town of Halhul.

Military officials said Wahid Al-Hamallah, the mayor of Anabta, would be tried next week for disobeying an order confining him to his town. They said he was seen visiting Ramallah a few days ago.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, Security Council members were expected to decide late Tuesday when to take up the current violence on the West Bank. Council sources said a debate on the issue could get underway as early as Wednesday.

Jordan, on behalf of the Arab group, Monday formally requested a "most urgent" council meeting to consider what it called the "grave and rapidly deteriorating situation in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories including Jerusalem."

In calling for an urgent debate, Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh of Jordan, current chairman of the Arab group, charged that Israeli actions had created a "very ominous and explosive situation, not only in the occupied territories but in the region as a whole."

In Kuwait, parliament called Tuesday on Arab governments to open their borders to Palestinian commando operations against Israel. It also urged Arab governments to increase financial support and weapons supplies to the Palestinians.

Bloodshed regretted U.S. to try for autonomy

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan plans one more major push to obtain an autonomy agreement for the Israeli-occupied West Bank following Israel's withdrawal from the Egyptian Sinai April 25, U.S. officials say.

The latest turmoil on the West Bank is a warning to everyone that the existing situation under which the 1.5 million Palestinians are dominated by Israel is not workable in the long run and can explode into a major uprising at any time, according to official thinking here. Dean Fischer, the U.S. State Department spokesman, said Monday the administration views the situation on the West Bank "with profound concern."

In a criticism of the decision of Israeli soldiers to fire on rock-throwing Palestinian demonstrators, Fischer said, "We deeply regret the bloodshed" and are especially concerned about the use of lethal and potentially lethal force. Two Palestinian youth have been killed and several others injured by gunfire.

The next peace effort probably will include another trip to Israel and Egypt by Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig. However, if the effort fails, it is considered likely the administration will be forced to give up on the 1978 Camp David peace accords between Israel, Egypt and the United States. The accords have been the framework in the search for a lasting peace for the past four years. The administration probably will know by fall whether the effort will work. If it does not show signs of success — as measured by progress toward

an autonomy agreement — the administration may begin to explore other alternatives.

U.S. officials are not optimistic about the chances for success. But one said he doesn't think the Reagan administration has really lost heart yet. Haig made two trips to the region in January in a last-ditch effort to win agreement from Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt on a so-called declaration of principles that would establish the framework for a future agreement on West Bank autonomy.

He had hoped to produce such an agreement in time for Mubarak's visit to Washington last month, but failed. Instead, the Egyptian endorsement of Camp David by Mubarak during his visit was lukewarm at best.

The administration has decided not to make any additional push until after the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai in late April, hoping that nothing will happen to complicate the withdrawal before then.

The third and as yet unresolved item on the Camp David agenda was an autonomy, or self-rule, agreement for the West Bank Palestinians. The Israelis want much less autonomy than the Egyptians, and neither side has been willing to yield on the key issues, such as whether Palestinians of East Jerusalem should be able to vote in an autonomy election. Egypt wants them to vote. Israel is against.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Sunday the latest fighting on the West Bank could jeopardize the prospects for agreement on Palestinian autonomy.

French farmers march for higher prices

PARIS, March 23 (Agencies) — Dozens of tractors rumbled through Paris Tuesday at the head of marching farmers shouting slogans they hoped would carry all the way to Common Market headquarters in Belgium.

Observers said as many as 100,000 people took part in the march to press for a 16 percent boost in farm prices within the 10-member European Economic Community. EEC ministers, most of whom want to hold the line at nine percent, are scheduled to set new prices at a summit meeting beginning Monday in Brussels. French farmers say increased costs and inflation have steadily eroded their real income over the last eight years, including a 6-7 percent drop from 1980 to 1981.

Farm union leaders have called on France's

Socialist government to implement "national solutions" if the EEC refuses to exceed its nine percent target ceiling. The call generally is interpreted as a demand for increased government subsidies that would violate EEC rules against protectionism. France already is the highest beneficiary of EEC agricultural policy and always enjoys the highest possible price for farm products.

Existing direct French subsidies to French farmers have angered other EEC members who complain they are so large they upset the community's economic equilibrium. In the past 12 months, French farmers have flushed rivers of Italian products onto roads, blocked truckloads of lettuce from Spain, battled police and necessitated the helicopter rescue of Agricultural Minister Edith Cresson after she was besieged by demonstrators in Nor-

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Senators hope Soviets to buy grain

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — Two American farm-state senators said Tuesday their meetings with high-level Soviet officials have convinced them the Soviet Union will buy nearly the full 23 million metric tons of grain offered by the United States under a current trade agreement. The senators — Jacob Dole, Republican, Kansas, and Roger Jepsen, Republican, Iowa, made the prediction in statements before a meeting of the American Agriculture Editors' Association. The senators met Friday with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and officials at the U.S. state and agriculture departments.

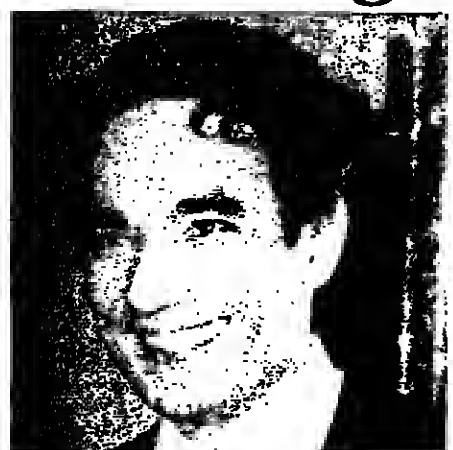
The current six-year grain agreement expires in October, and no talks on a new agreement have been held since December, when they were halted because of the Polish crisis. The senators welcomed a statement Monday by President Ronald Reagan in

Bishara urged to resign

KUWAIT, March 23 (R) — The Kuwait parliament called Tuesday for the immediate resignation of Abdullah Bishara as the secretary-general of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) after members of parliament blamed him for violating the constitution.

Members also indirectly charged Bishara, Kuwait's former United Nations representative, with being pro-West. The Kuwait government, which named Bishara for the post when the council was set up last May, opposed the call. But it was adopted by 35 votes of the 50-member assembly.

The vote has no executive effect. Bishara's nomination for the job was endorsed by the other council members — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. The criticism stemmed from a Kuwait television interview last Saturday in which Bishara described Kuwait's parliamentary life as a kind of luxury. He also said other



Abdullah Bishara
Gulf council members did not plan at present to follow Kuwait's example and establish ties with the Soviet Union.

Fears of armed clashes end Afghan party session

ISLAMABAD, March 23 (Agencies) — Fears of armed clashes between rival Khalq (mass) and Parcham (flag) factions led to the abrupt ending of the first national congress of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDA), reports from Kabul said Tuesday.

The official media kept its commencement secret, and Western sources reported at the time that the 30-hour conference had been "cut short" by one day. According to reports reaching Western diplomatic sources here Tuesday, Afghan Interior Minister Gulabzai, the standard-bearer of the Khalq faction, interrupted a speech by President Babrak Karmal at the congress.

The sources said he had demanded identification of those involved in factionalism, as the Interior Ministry was described as the ministry of "handits" — official jargon for opponents of the Soviet-backed regime. When attempts were made to stifle Gulabzai, the delegates responded by shouting "We are one, we are one."

Joblessness drops below 3m in Britain

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Unemployment in Britain fell in March to 12.5 percent, dropping below the politically sensitive 3 million mark, the government reported Tuesday.

It was the fifth fall in six months and came two days before an important special parliamentary election in Scotland. Figures released by the Department of Employment showed 2,992,322 Britons out of work in March down 52,556 from February's 3,044,878, which was 12.6 percent of the workforce.

The drop was the largest of any month since September 1979 and the highest March jump since the current system of record-keeping began after World War II. Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit said the tight-money policies of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government had proven "undoubtedly successful in the face of inflation. And now even, I think, the unbiased observer — perhaps even the cynical observer — will say, 'perhaps they were right about unemployment.'"

ing "We are one, we are one."

The sources added that Afghan politburo member Saleh Muhammad Zarye, the leader of the now inactive National Fatherland Front, had said there was factionalism in the choice of the 836 congress delegates from among several thousand officially elected representatives. According to the sources, the hot atmosphere at the congress compelled the regime to end it one day ahead of schedule.



FLAG BURNED: Soviet flag is burned in front of statue of American patriot Samuel Adams at Faneuil Hall where nearly 100 Massachusetts who support the people of Afghanistan in their fight against Soviet rule held a rally. The Free Afghanistan Alliance sponsored a march from Park Street to Faneuil Hall.

Thousands of casualties Iraq, Iran locked in major battles

NICOSIA, March 23 (AP) — The Iraqi forces have launched a large counter-offensive in the Shush-Dezful front in southern Iran to stop an Iranian onslaught in the area, the official Iraqi News Agency reported Tuesday.

The agency quoted military sources in the war front as saying the Iranian Division 77 was "completely destroyed" in the pre-dawn counter-offensive and "a large number of troops, including high-ranking officers" have been captured. INA quoted its correspondent as saying the Iraqi forces "strongly hit at the enemy forces, leaving them in a state of panic and inflicted heavy losses in men and military hardware." "The military operations zone is full of Iranian corpses," the correspondent was further quoted as saying.

INA said further details and the outcome of the fighting would be broadcast in war communiques later in the day. The area of the fighting is 125 kms north of Ahwaz, the capital city of Iran's southern oil province of Khuzistan, where the Iranians launched a major offensive Monday.

Iranian war communiques broadcast early Tuesday by Tehran radio and the official Iranian news agency, IRNA, however, said a total of 1,200 square kilometers of Iranian territory occupied by Iraqi forces since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war 18 months ago,

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The Iranian communiques claimed 12,000 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded in the offensive, named "operation victory" and more than 6,000 others captured.

IRNA said 3,000 captured Iraqi troops had been evacuated behind the fronts. It conceded 50 Iranian troops killed and 300 wounded in "operation victory."

Tehran radio reported that two Iraqi war planes were shot down Tuesday during bombing raids in the Dezful and Shush regions, and that one of the two pilots was wounded and captured while the other was missing. The radio quoted "informed sources" in the Iranian capital as saying that there were Jordanians and Egyptians among the POWs captured on the front.

Jordan has sent volunteers to fight alongside the Iraqis in the war against Iran. King Hussein, Iraq's staunchest Arab supporter in the war, has called up a volunteer force believed to be comprising 7,000 men to support Iraq. The vanguards of the force began arriving in Iraq earlier this month.

Freezing of N-arms West mulls Soviet plan

COLORADO SPRINGS, March 23 (AP) — Defense ministers from NATO countries prepared Tuesday for a two-day meeting in the shadow of Cheyenne Mountain where a Soviet proposal to freeze nuclear arms is expected to top the agenda.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Gen. David Jones, chairman of the joint chief of staff, arrived Monday afternoon for the conference of NATO's nuclear planning group.

Representatives of 13 NATO countries are registered for the session, which begins Tuesday at the Broadmoor Hotel. It is to be chaired by Secretary General Joseph Luns.

The session opens exactly a week after Soviet president Leonid Brezhnev announced a freeze on deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in the western part of the Soviet Union. President Ronald Reagan dismissed the proposal as a propaganda ploy.

By last Friday, a tight ring of security had been established around the Broadmoor West, which will house the two-day meeting on the eastern slope of the Rockies near

Cheyenne mountain where the North American Aerospace Defense command is based.

Fort Carson officials have transformed the ballroom into an international meeting room, complete with three language translation booths and a conference table 32 feet (10 meters) in diameter.

SPEC's spot lounge was emptied and refilled with the trappings of a press room to accommodate reporters from around the world. The conference operations command center was established on part of the hotel's second floor.

Officials said the meeting was moved for security reasons from San Francisco to Colorado Springs, a city of 250,000 that is also near the site of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

At the meeting, Weinberger is expected to win reaffirmation of a NATO decision to place 572 new U.S. medium-range missiles in West Europe.

The allied ministers, under pressure from anti-nuclear movements at home, are also expected to urge the Americans to continue talks with the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range weapons and start negotiations on long-range strategic missiles.

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To fight addiction

Alcohol, narcotics conference opens

MADINAH, March 23 (SPA) — The international Islamic conference for combating intoxicants and narcotics, opened by Madinah Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen Monday night, elected the conference chairman, vice-chairman rapporteur and assistant rapporteur in its first working session Tuesday.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling, call to Islam and guidance was elected chairman while Madinah Islamic University, the conference organizer, Vice Rector Dr. Abdullah ibn Abdullah Al-Zayed was chosen the vice-chairman. Dr. Hassan Hamed and Dr. Yusuf Al-Gharbawi were elected as rapporteur and assistant rapporteur, respectively.

The conference, organized by the university in cooperation with the Interior Ministry, was dedicated by Prince Abdul Mohsen on behalf of Crown Prince Fahd. The governor welcomed delegates on behalf of King Khaled and Prince Fahd and wished them every success in their deliberations and the proposed plan to deter people from taking these poisons. He thanked the university and the ministry for sponsoring the conference.

Ulema, medical doctors and intellectuals from the various Islamic countries are participating in the four-day conference. Their papers deal with the effect of alcohol and narcotics on public health, morals and religion.

They will propose measures to combat such vices.

In a message to the conference, read by Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayed, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah congratulated the university for its valuable role in promoting Islamic Law. He said that enemies of the Islamic world have failed to their ferocious campaign which included military invasion, colonization, economic domination, psychological warfare and the spreading of destructive ideologies and secular ideas. As a result of such failure they are now attempting the narcotics invasion, using drugs and alcohol as a weapon to destroy the spirit and morale of Muslim youths.

Prince Abdullah underlined the danger inherent in such weapons and said that the authorities should always shed light on their consequences and counter them by all means. He said that it was significant to hold such a conference in Madinah in view of its important role in Islam.

Speaking on behalf of the university, Dr. Zayed said that it is the duty of the university to inform Muslims the world over of the evils of drugs and alcohol which impede their march towards development. He added that all these attempts at combating spirituals prove that Islam is the only religion fit for leading mankind to a better and happier life.

Taking the floor next, Maj. Gen. Jamil Al-Maiman from the Interior Ministry's Narcotics Control Department highlighted the inconveniences of modern times, saying that drugs and alcoholism reduced the addicts' physical, intellectual and moral capacities.

He referred to the various centers set up for this purpose, including the Crime Control Research Center. He also dealt with the stringent security measures taken at the Kingdom's borders to prevent smuggling of alcohol and drugs.

The conference also was addressed by Dr. Muhammad Al-Tayeb Al-Naggar, the rector of Cairo's Al-Azhar University; representatives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and of the Muslim World League.

SDF to finance nine industries

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Loans totaling SR58.4 million for nine industrial projects were approved here Monday night by the board of the Saudi Development Fund. The SDF was meeting under Sheikh Hamad Al-Sayari, deputy governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), who also is the board chairman.

The projects call for the manufacture of polyethylene by products for industrial purposes, luxurious wooden furniture, printing, two types of LPVC plastic pipes, cartons, medals, silver wares, cups and other items.

Solaim to lead delegation

Saudi-Australian joint body to meet

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim will lead the Kingdom's delegation to the meeting of the Saudi-Australian joint commission for commercial, economic and technical cooperation, which will be held in Canberra April 5.

During the six-day deliberations, the commission will review the progress in the field of commercial activity, the projects of the Kingdom's third five-year development plan and the opportunity open before Australia to participate in the plan. It will also make a review of the economic and technical progress in regard to the protection of the environment, medicine and hospitals management. In addition, the commission will discuss matters which will help minerals, agriculture, water and maritime transport development.

The delegation will include Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al-Oahtani, president

of King Faisal University; Tawfik Ibrahim Tawfik, supply undersecretary; Dr. Ahmad Al-Shinawi, director general of the grain silos flour mills organization; and Ahmad Al-Zamil, undersecretary of the ministry of petroleum and mineral resources for technical affairs.

Other members include Dr. Khaled Al-Khalaf, director general of the Saudi Arabian standards organization; Abdul Aziz Al-Mudbil, undersecretary of the agriculture and water ministry for research affairs; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Turki, director general of the shipping corporation; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Dukhail, director general of a livestock company; Dr. Abdul Bar Al-Gain, assistant director general of meteorology; Ziad Rashad, director of the minister's office; Saleh Al-Shiban, director of foreign trade at the commerce ministry; and Muhammad Hamour Al-Rashid, head of the economic coordination bureau at the foreign office.

Customs officials urge tax relief on national products

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — The committee of customs directors of Gulf Cooperation Council member states recommended that national agricultural, animal and industrial products and natural resources be exempted from customs duties and an agreement be made on a specific system for transit.

In its concluding session here Monday night, the committee urged that means of national transport have easy movement among the member states.

The measures will become effective after approval by the GCC ministers of finance and economy in their next meeting.

In the meantime, the undersecretaries of the ministries of transport and communications of the GCC states began their meeting here Tuesday morning to make preparations for the conference of the ministers of transport and communications which will be held late April.

Gulf states plan Afghanistan week

JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — Arab Gulf states have agreed to hold a solidarity week in support of the Afghan people from April 10 to 16, it was announced here Monday.

Sheikh Ali Mukhtar Al-Amin, assistant secretary general of the world council for the mosques and a member of the council's delegation which recently concluded a tour of the Gulf region, said Arab Gulf states have

given their consent for marking the seven days as a week of solidarity with the Afghan people, who are fighting a war against the Soviet occupation of their Islamic country.

He added that the delegation's talks in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have dealt with Islamic issues and cooperation among the Gulf states.

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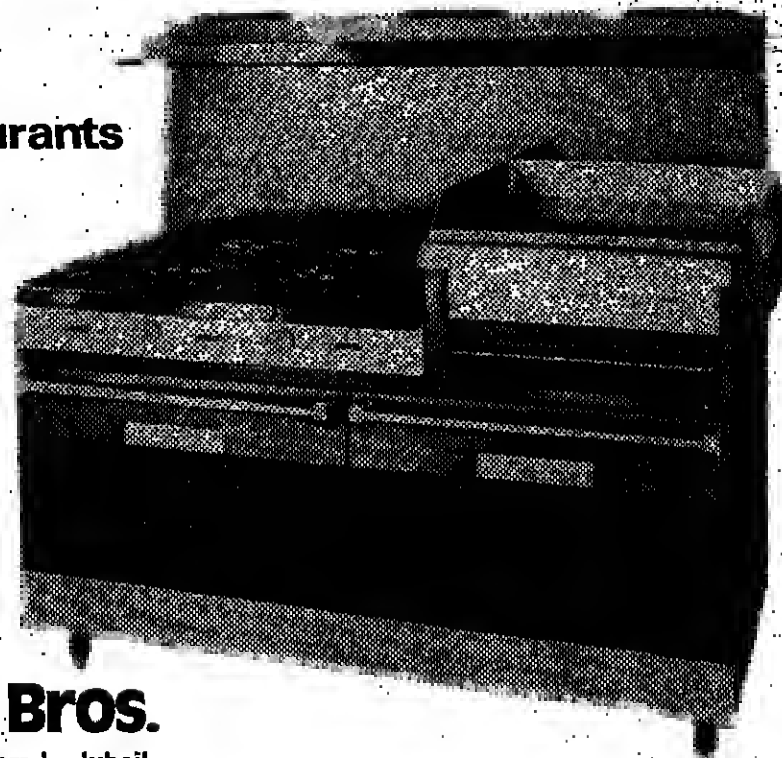
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Naif to see agricultural development in Haradh

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif pays an inspection visit to the National Agricultural Development Company in Haradh Wednesday. He will be accompanied by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, and several ministry officials.

The SR400 million capital company, with a 20 percent state share, aims at producing cereals, fodder, vegetables, fruits, seeds for sowing, fresh milk and its by-products, meat and poultry. Its plan also includes the industrialization of agricultural and animal products, their marketing and the reclamation of the cultivable lands.

The Haradh project is situated southeast of Riyadh in a 5,200 hectare area, with abundant water of good quality. At present, water is pumped from 53 wells, while 10 others are being drilled. Each well has a capacity of 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

Meanwhile, the company has adopted the spraying method in irrigation which helps in irrigating large areas and saving water and labor, in addition to supplying fertilizers and insecticides through syringes instead of using spraying machines.

In agriculture, the company has cultivated wheat in an area of more than 2,300 hectares and fodder in 500 hectares. During the coming summer, it will grow fodder in an area of more than 2,000 hectares, while it did so in an area of 1,200 hectares only last year. The company also carried out research and experiments to select the best kind of cereals, fodder, clover, vegetables and other agricultural products.

As regards dairy, Haradh has a full-fledged project for 600 cows for milk and its by-products. There is yet another plan to implement a project for the production and industrialization of dairy products with 2,000 cows, whose number can be increased with the expansion of the project.

The company produces fresh milk and fills it in one liter packets with the date and other information printed on them. The product is marketed daily in Riyadh and the Eastern Province.

Marcos visits Jeddah port

By Ahmad Kamal Khuroo
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 23 — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos visited Jeddah Islamic Port Tuesday accompanied by his wife Imelda and daughter Imee. He was shown round the latest facilities by Dr. Fayed Badr, Saudi port authority president and Fuad Mokhtar, director-general of the Jeddah port.

Speaking to a cheering crowd of Filipino port workers, the president said that they must continue the "good work" they are doing and act as "ambassadors of goodwill" during their stay in the Kingdom. He spoke in glowing terms about how he was "showered with honor after honor" during his meeting with King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd, the council of ministers and other members of the royal family.

SR4b water, sewage works slated

JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — The Western Region Water and Sewage Department will discuss in a meeting Wednesday night 14 projects for Makkah, Jeddah and Taif with a total cost of SR4 billion. The committee will meet under its chairman, Makkah Governor Prince Majed.

The projects include the water, sewage and drainage networks scheme for Taif, Sheikh Fahd Al-Sulaiman, the department's director general said Tuesday. Other projects cover

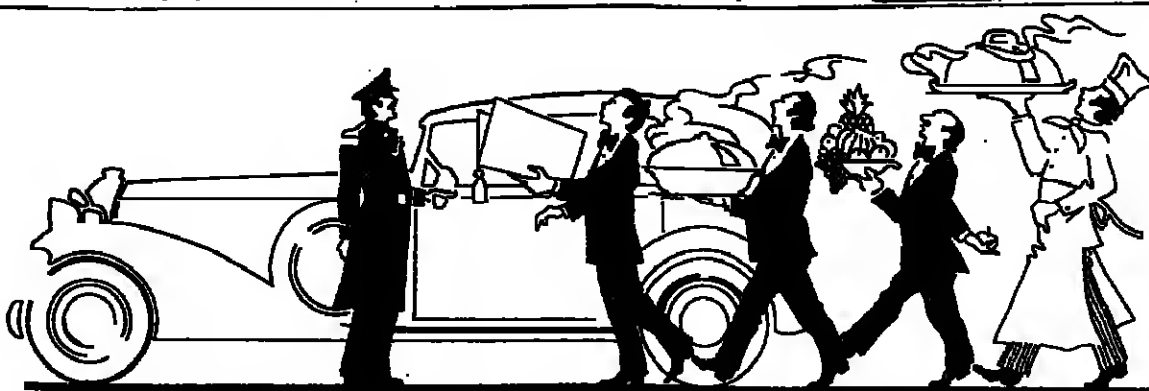
some parts of Jeddah, including the reuse of sewage water.

Meanwhile, Prince Majed will sign a SR650 million contract to build Taif's sewage water purification plant shortly. *Okaz* newspaper said Tuesday.

It quoted Sulaiman as saying that the area has been divided into two parts, namely a southern part with a complete water and sewage pipes networks, and a northern part where such installations are to be completed.

Businessman donates SR20m for Afghans

JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — A Saudi Arabian businessman, Sheikh Saleh Bin Mahfouz, made Tuesday a SR20 million donation in favor of Afghan freedom fighters. A check for the amount was handed over to Makkah Governor Prince Majed, who also is chairman of the committee for donations to Afghan freedom fighters, during a meeting at the prince's office here.



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DHAHRAN (SPA) — Chinese Health Minister Dr. Chi Chou-sha is due to arrive here April 19 on a five-day visit during which he will hold talks with his Saudi counterpart Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi and visit Hofuf and Jeddah hospitals.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Secretary General of World Muslim League Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harkan conferred Tuesday with South Korean Ambassador here Yie Joon-Chang. They reviewed Muslim conditions in South Korea, means of providing cultural assistance to them and the contribution of the league in a proposed Islamic college in Seoul.

JAKARTA (R) — Saudi Arabia has accepted Indonesia's offer to build a rainwater catchment area in the Kingdom, a spokesman for the Public Works Ministry said Tuesday. A recent survey established that rain in Saudi Arabia could provide enough water to irrigate vast tracts of arid land, the spokesman said.

Tunis (SPA) — Dr. Gazi Algosaibi, minister of industry and electricity, conferred here Monday Abdul Aziz Al-Asram, Tunisian minister of national economy, on cooperation. Algosaibi arrived here earlier in the day for a short visit at Asram's invitation.

RIYADH (SPA) — Dr. Reda Ubaid, head of the Saudi Arabian Center for Science and Technology, will leave for France Wednesday.

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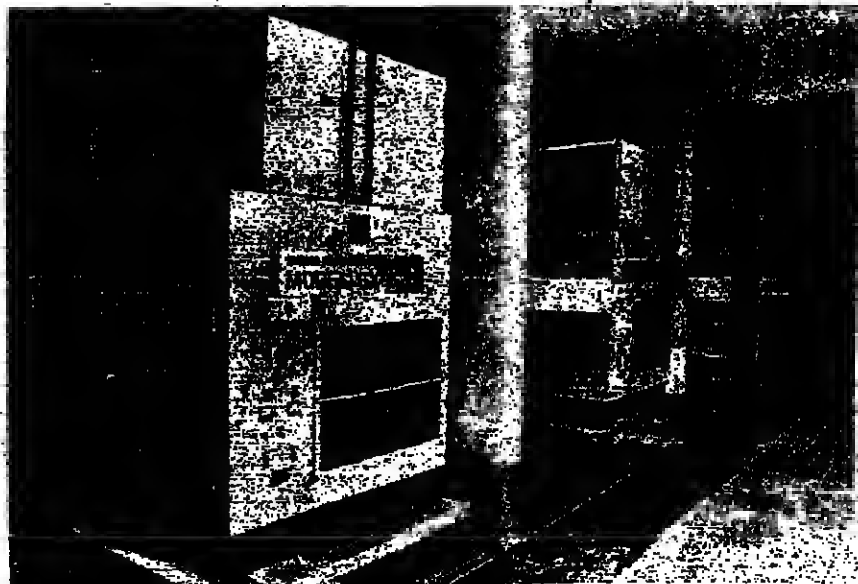
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Morocco seeks special OAU summit on Sahara

NAIROBI, March 23 (AP) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta said Tuesday he has asked for a special summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity to rule on the controversial admission of the Polisario Front to the body.

Boucetta told a news conference that he made the request Tuesday morning in an hour-long meeting with Kenya President

Turkey, Kuwait concerned over M.E. situation

KUWAIT, March 23 (AP) — Turkey and Kuwait expressed concern Tuesday over developments on the international scene, particularly in the Middle East, the Gulf area and Afghanistan.

A joint communique on a three-day visit by Turkish President Kenan Evren blamed Israel's "aggressive and expansionist policies" for "the dangerous situation in the Middle East" and said the Palestine Liberation Organization must participate in all efforts aimed at reaching an Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

The communique called for "a swift peace solution" to the Iran-Iraq war and said it was "necessary to reach a peaceful settlement in Afghanistan based on respect for the sovereignty and independence" of that Soviet-occupied Islamic nation. The two sides reiterated that Gulf security was the responsibility of states in the region "alone" and expressed satisfaction over progress achieved by the Gulf Cooperation Council — formed last May as a framework for joint economic and defense plans by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

\$3m U.S. arms arrive in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 23 (AP) — A shipment of U.S. military equipment valued at \$3 million arrived at Beirut port Tuesday, according to a U.S. Embassy press release.

The statement said the shipment included 18 howitzers and eight armored vehicles. The shipment, the second since January, is part of the U.S. foreign military sales program which provides credits for purchase of military equipment. Under the program, the Lebanese Army has received credits valued at more than \$100 million.

The U.S. administration has backed Lebanese President Elias Sarkis' efforts to rebuild the mainly U.S.-equipped army which disintegrated during the 1975-76 civil war.

Khomeini supporter, seven guerrillas killed

BEIRUT, March 23 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini's regime Tuesday announced the death of seven urban guerrillas as anti-government assassins shot and killed one Khomeini supporter in Iran's relentless confrontation.

Tehran radio said a prominent Kurdish clergyman "faithful to Islam" was killed by autonomy-seeking rebels in northwestern Iran. It said Mullah Karim Shahrkandi was shot dead by "counterrevolutionaries" Monday night as he was leaving a mosque in Mahabad, northwestern Iran, in the heart of the country's Kurdish-populated region.

The radio also said the seven killed guerrillas belonged to the Mujahedeen Khalq and described them as "important elements in the latest wave of terrorism" against the government. It did not say where, when and how they were killed.

BRIEFS

SALISBURY, (AP) — Zimbabwe has recruited 16 medical specialists from Pakistan to boost the country's under-staffed health services, the health minister announced Tuesday.

The expatriates, who will arrive next month, comprise five physiotherapists, three pathologists, three radiologists, two ophthalmologists, two community physicians and a psychiatrist.

SIDON, (R) — Six bombs exploded in this southern Lebanese port early Tuesday but nobody was hurt, security sources said.

ANKARA, (AFP) — The announcement Monday of a constitutional referendum in November suggests that Turkey's military leaders are keen to clear up doubts in the European Economic Community (EEC) about the prospects for a return to democracy.

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Abdul Sattar appoints new vice-president

DACCA, March 23 (AFP) — Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar, in a surprise move, Tuesday appointed 60-year-old Mubammadullah as his vice-president.

Mubammadullah, a ruling party M.P., who was president in 1974, took the oath of office before President Abdul at the presidential palace, the official BSS news agency reported.

Dr. M.N. Huda, who was appointed vice-president shortly after the presidential election last November had earlier resigned from the post. No reason for resignation was given. Since independence in 1971, Mubammadullah, a former leader in late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Awami League, has held a series of posts in the government: president, vice-president, speaker and minister for land revenue and local administration.

Meanwhile, Former Bangladesh Deputy Prime Minister Bari, who was charged with corruption and abuse of power while in office, Monday categorically denied the allegations as "motivated and concocted."

14 army officers acquitted of plotting against Sadat

CAIRO, March 23 (AP) — A military court has acquitted 14 army officers of the charge of plotting to overthrow the regime of the late President Anwar Sadat, the defense attorney in the case said. Monday.

Abdul Hameed Ramadan said the 14, led by Maj. Essam Eldin el-Kumary, were accused of forming a secret cell to replace the constitutional regime by an Islamic state.

Their acquittal was pronounced by the tribunal Sunday. The verdicts must be ratified by the minister of defense. "The young men did not like the behavior of the late president."

Arms only for defense, Zia says

ISLAMABAD, March 23 (AP) — President Gen. Zia ul-Haq Tuesday stressed the need to bolster Pakistan's defense capability to protect its independence, national honor and values.

Addressing the national day armed forces parade, Zia said, "The means that Pakistan has at its disposal, and whatever it is trying to acquire for the defense forces are purely for the defense of the nation — and not for aggression against anyone."

"In accordance with its principles, Pakistan

They saw him as a non-believer for all the corruption that was going on in the country under his very nose. This they considered anti-Islamic," said Ramadan. "The court found no proof of an actual plot so they were found non-guilty." Ramadan said the leader of the group, however, was given a year's sentence in prison on grounds he deserted the army.

"I will appeal that sentence because with the views he held, he could not have remained in the service without being in physical danger," Ramadan told the AP.

has never, and will never commit aggression, against anyone, nor will it allow itself to become a victim of an aggression by others," he added.

"Pakistan wants friendly and peaceful relations with all countries, particularly its neighbors, but will not leave its national security to the mercy of others," he added. Zia said, within its resources and keeping in view its defense needs, Pakistan is trying to provide modern arms and equipment to the armed forces so that they can discharge their duties with greater efficiency.

Karmal offers discussion with neighbors

LONDON, March 23 (R) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal said Monday night Afghanistan was ready to discuss proposals for a "flexible peaceful policy" with neighboring countries but was thwarted by the hostile reaction of America and its allies. "They want a pretext against the Soviet Union. That is very clear," he said.

Karmal was speaking in a recorded television interview in Kabul. The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) claimed it was his first interview with a Western journalist since he came to power during the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. Since then, between 80,000 and 100,000 troops have been based in the country where they have come under attack from anti-government fighters.

Karmal said Afghanistan was an independent, nonaligned country which supported the general policy of the Soviet Union against such issues as colonialism, apartheid, racism, and discrimination. Asked if he disagreed with the Soviet Union on any matter of policy or principle, he replied: "Not at all."

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The White House regrets! But will it ever be moved to beyond regret, as unarmed young and old Palestinians are shot in the streets of the West Bank?

The White House regrets! But has it seen the television reports of the confrontation in the West Bank and studied their implications, the scenes of unarmed Palestinian demonstrators, men and women, young and old, being fired at not merely by the Israeli security forces but also by the armed Israeli settlers? Will it still be able to talk of "terrorism" when it has seen this "open season" declared on the Palestinians by any armed Israeli in the West Bank?

Israeli Minister of Defense Ariel Sharon was there too, supervising the organized murder, the organized looting and burning up, the forced house entries and the terrorizing of their inhabitants, which are the order of the day for the Israeli aggressor in the West Bank.

Sharon spoke clearly to the international press, right there on the scene of his crimes, informing the world that he is thinking of annexing the West Bank, that he will build an "alternative Palestinian leadership" within a few months. What Sharon forgets is that on the West Bank now there is not merely the leadership provided by the elected mayors of the area's towns and villages, who have declared repeatedly their rejection of the occupation and its suppression of all human and political rights, but a whole million of Palestinians who have taken up the burden and are sharing the risk of the embattled mayors.

Let the White House and the U.N. Security Council look carefully at the reports from the West Bank and at the resolve of the people there to face the hideous challenge the Zionists are forcing upon them. Then let them both "regret", for there surely be a time of bitter regret for anyone who will remain silent on Israel's present crime.

Saudi Arabian press review

The outcome of the visit of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos to the Kingdom and the uprising in the West Bank figured for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Dealing with the West Bank uprising, *Al-Bilad* urged the Arab and Islamic states to adopt an effective and positive stand for backing the Arabs and Palestinians in the occupied lands and exposing the Zionist bloody acts against the Arabs. It called for a joint Islamic action to counter the Israeli aggression in the region.

"The popular uprising of the Palestinian people is the outcome of their natural reaction to confront the terrorist acts of the Zionists against the Arabs in the occupied lands," the paper added.

Al-Jazirah called on the Security Council to intervene and formulate measures for saving the lives of the Arab population from the massacres committed by the Zionist occupation troops in the West Bank. "The inhabitants of the West Bank are exercising their legal, historical and human rights," the paper said.

It denounced the silence of the international powers over Israel's criminal acts and its naked aggression on Arab lands.

The paper regretted the negative Arab stance over the massacre of their brothers in the West Bank and criticized the freezing of

the heroic Palestinian resistance and their non-participation in the revolt.

On the same subject, *Al-Riyadh* described the happenings in the West Bank as a "unique and exceptional phenomenon" initiated by the local inhabitants after the Arab failure to adopt a collective Arab stand for confronting the malicious designs of the Zionist military establishment.

"Moreover, it is a comprehensive revolt and valiant defiance to the Zionist practices and designs which aim at the annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip," the paper noted.

Dealing with President Marcos' visit to the Kingdom, *Al-Nadwa* said his talks with King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other officials have created a better understanding for solving the problem of Muslims in southern Philippines within the framework of the Tripoli Agreement, which stressed the guaranteeing of their rights and preservation of the independence, integrity and sovereignty of Philippines.

"The realization of a fair solution to the Muslim problem of Philippines will be an effective factor for enhancing Saudi Arabian-Philippines cooperation in all spheres in view of the Kingdom's responsibility toward all Muslim states and peoples," the paper observed. (SFA)

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Arms control stalemated as Big Two engage in dialogue of deaf

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Edward M. Kennedy, a Democratic senator from Massachusetts, is a member of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.)

By Edward M. Kennedy

WASHINGTON —

The issue of arms control — perhaps the most critical issue of our time, or of all time — has now reached the point of stalemate. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev is offering a self-serving and unacceptable proposal to freeze nuclear weapons in Europe alone. The Reagan administration properly rejects that, but refuses to respond with any comprehensive counter-offer. At the talks on intermediate weapons in Europe, the administration has put forward a plan as unacceptable to the Soviets as theirs is to ours; the talks are, as a result, stalled. The Reagan Strategic Arms-Reduction Talks (START) on strategic weapons have not started, and no date for the discussion has been set.

Both sides are engaging in a dialogue of the deaf, making propaganda instead of talking peace. In the meantime, a grassroots movement across the country, reaching from a ballot initiative in California to town meetings in New England, has called for a third alternative that can break the deadlock. That alternative, a global freeze on the nuclear arsenals of both sides, has been incorporated into the Kennedy-Hatfield Resolution, which already has the support of 165 members of the Senate and the House. The resolution calls both for a global freeze and for the negotiation of reductions in American and Soviet weaponry.

The administration and a number of other critics have reacted intensely and often inaccurately to the Kennedy-Hatfield Resolution. It is important to make clear what the resolution does — and does not — mean.

First, we are not suggesting a continental freeze in Europe alone. That is the Brezhnev proposal — and we categorically reject it. We favor a comprehensive freeze. Administration officials have sought to blur the difference — and then have cited a range of conflicting statistics to attack our resolution. Secretary of State Alexander Haig first said it would leave the United States with a six-to-one

inferiority in Europe; later, the president said it might be three-to-one. It is baffling that on this basic question, the administration cannot even keep its numbers straight. In fact, the Soviets have 200 available warheads in Europe and we have 1,168. This does not count other American nuclear forces outside of Europe and at sea which could be used to defend the NATO nations. Is the administration suggesting that it would not call on these forces in the event of a crisis? Any such suggestion would represent a fundamental and destabilizing change in American policy.

Second, the global freeze proposed in the Kennedy-Hatfield Resolution would not consign the United States to a position of global inferiority with the Soviet Union. The administration asserts that it would, but advances no proof. Presidential Counselor Edwin Meese III has likened the U.S.-Soviet nuclear balance to a football game where one side is ahead of the other 50-0. But the analogy, which is wrong even as it applies to Europe, is very far from the worldwide reality. The more relevant numbers are the count of strategic nuclear warheads: the United States has 9,000 and the Soviets have 7,000. They are ahead in some areas, such as throw-weight; they are ahead in others, such as sea-based missiles. There is, perhaps for the first time in the atomic age, an overall nuclear balance.

Instead of worrying about a theoretical and exaggerated window of vulnerability, we should focus on this window of opportunity for arms control. But the opportunity could shatter with a further escalation in weaponry, including a new round of the MX missile and the B-1 bomber on our side, and new generations of missiles already on the Soviet drawing board. Thus a freeze makes not only common sense, but strategic sense. For example, a freeze can ensure that nuclear reductions negotiated in the future will not be made meaningless by the development and deployment of new and destabilizing weapons. Together a freeze and reductions will move the United States and the Soviet Union to run the arms race in reverse. By combining these two policies, the Kennedy-Hatfield Resolution goes beyond a codification of the exist-

ing nuclear balance, and could move us quickly toward more stable deterrence and a safer world.

Third, despite administration rhetoric claiming that our proposal does not go far enough, the wording of the resolution plainly and explicitly calls for "mutual and major reductions" in existing nuclear stockpiles. Perhaps the president has not read the resolution itself. His administration pays lip-service to reductions, but its arms-control policy is now going absolutely nowhere. Our government has a weapons policy, a massive and expensive buildup, but no effective peace policy. Today the two superpowers have in their possession the equivalent of 1 million Hiroshima bombs — nearly four tons of TNT for every man, woman and child presently living on this planet. A freeze would be a first, far-reaching step in the thousand-mile journey to reductions. Instead of piling overkill on overkill, why not start with a freeze?

Fourth, our proposal is not based on trust for the Soviet Union or tolerance of Soviet misdeeds in other areas. We do not accept the concept of reverse linkage — that we must accept Soviet repression in Poland and elsewhere in order to coax them into arms control. We should not enter upon a nuclear freeze or reductions because we like the Soviets or they like us, but because both of us prefer existence to extinction. Every measure we would take depends on strict verification. And our resolution does not call for unilateral action but for mutual agreement. It will not weaken, but strengthen our defenses. Some of the resources that are freed can be re-allocated to our conventional military forces, which is where we do need to do more.

Finally, some critics have suggested that our resolution involves a dangerous excess of democracy — that it invites the public into a debate where only experts dare to tread. We do not share the notion that a professional elite deserves a monopoly on what could become the ultimate issue of personal survival for hundreds of millions of people. While the negotiators have been debating the nuclear version of the question of how many angels can dance on the head of a pin — which is, precisely how high can each side make the rubble bounce? —

concerned citizens have developed and lobbied for a sane alternative. We regard it as a strength of our system that free men and women can stand up and speak out. They have offered a proposal in the American free marketplace of ideas; and every citizen of the world, including the people of the Soviet Union, who do not have the right to speak, will be in their debt if this initiative helps to postpone the moment of humanity's final conflict.

In reality, the Kennedy-Hatfield Resolution commands support not only in Congress and among religious and business leaders, but among many past officials of the Defense and State Departments. They have seen the nuclear danger up close, and they know that a freeze followed by reductions may be our last great chance to avert the last great war. They know that we are rapidly nearing the point of no return in the nuclear arms race. Soon both sides will fear that the other has a first-strike capability that could destroy its deterrent. Once this point is passed, arms control may become little more than rule-making for the rearrangement of the deck chairs on the Titanic. People in communities across America have seen the looming iceberg and they hope that the captain will see it too. We cannot afford to live in a world of hair-trigger nuclear missiles, where human beings will have only minutes to decide whether to fire them, and where human error could launch an accidental nuclear exchange. This is not a way of life at all; it is a way to nuclear death.

In the second year of the Reagan administration, apprehension about the nuclear danger has stirred our own nation and strained relations with our NATO allies. Both the administration and the Soviet leadership deliver speeches about nuclear disarmament, while each relentlessly pursues the phantom of nuclear advantage. In the words of my Republican colleague Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, "The result is upward arms management rather than downward arms control." There is broad agreement that the latest Soviet proposal for a limited freeze in Europe is unequal and unacceptable. But there is also an urgent need to challenge the Soviets to do further, to freeze more; to take a bigger step back from the brink. With the world trapped between the seemingly irreconcilable positions of the Reagan administration and the Kremlin, only the emerging initiative for a nuclear freeze and reductions can break the deadlock that consistently defeats the chance for a stable peace. (LAT)

Congress faces dilemma over defense budget

By Tom Martella

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON —

Another Bank of the Budge is shaping up for the U.S. military. This time the setting is Capitol Hill, not Europe of World War II. And the budge is a swollen defense budget that appeared before Congress when all other federal programs face severe cuts.

The Reagan administration's call for boosting defense spending 30 percent beyond last year's reflects a new mood in Washington concerning the Soviet Union. Half of the increase in outlays for the next fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, would cover weapon systems and equipment to meet newly targeted "obligations."

But those faraway worries, if soothed by congressional approval of the \$258 billion requested by the Pentagon, are competing with cries for reducing an overall federal deficit now projected at more than \$100 billion next fiscal year. Exacerbating the problem is talk of both cutting back the so-called entitlement programs like social security, which allows cost-of-living increases in payments reflecting inflation, and wiping out the cornerstone of the president's economic recovery plan: tax cuts across the board.

For the past few weeks, Congress has been dancing delicately around the developing dilemma in this election year. Support a cutback in defense when the Soviet Union increasingly is viewed in cold war colors? Vote for spending that the Congressional Budget Office says, would really mean a deficit of \$140 billion next fiscal year when deficit spending is labeled the source of the country's dismal economic scene? Increase taxes? Cut further into social, education and housing programs?

"We don't know how much time we have" to rearm in face of the Soviet threat, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger repeatedly has told Congress.

"There's an economic time bomb ticking out there," countered Sen. James Exon, D-Nebr., at one committee hearing.

"There's no cheap way to increase our defense

strength," argued Weinberger on one occasion, seeking a procurement boost of 25 percent, from \$65.4 billion this year to \$89.6 billion.

"The risks on the economy are very great if we don't reduce the deficit," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who has submitted his own proposal which would mandate cuts of \$223 billion over the next three years.

Even in the Republican-controlled Senate, congressmen are adamant. Said Dan Quayle, a freshman from Indiana: "The public might not appreciate the foreign threat." He later added, "There's no question about a reduction (now)...the question is where, and how much."

That's the subject of a score of debates on Capitol Hill now, with Domenici's plan gaining most attention. On the chopping block in that proposal are the defense budget, dropping \$20 billion over three years; medical care programs for the aged and poor, \$22 billion; and the entitlement programs, including social security, \$84 billion. The Senate Republican also would hike taxes \$122 billion over those three years.

Reagan is at odds with nearly his entire staff over the issue of tax cuts, reports indicate. The 5 percent cut this year, coupled with 10 percent cuts in fiscal 1983 and 1984, have worried economists for some time. Revenue cuts mean the government must borrow heavily in the face of larger deficits. That in turn reduces capital for private investment in industry, as well as crimps funds for consumers in major spending, areas like housing and automobiles. Both of those industries and their support businesses are crippled because of high interest rates.

Past government economists studied the options for Congress and surfaced with generally similar conclusions. "The current (Reagan budget) program greatly compounds the problems of last year's budget by incorporating massive increases in defense expenditures far in excess of those contemplated a year ago," said Gardner Ackley, chairman of President Lyndon Johnson's Council of Economic Advisers in 1968-69.

Even so, top military officers have testified in private that the \$1.6 trillion Reagan is seeking for defense alone over the next five years won't be enough to meet Pentagon obligations worldwide. Weinberger has said substantial cuts were made before his proposal was submitted. And his plan to pay in full for some of the weapon systems, including two new aircraft carriers, push total figures higher but will mean savings in later years, he claims.

"In designing the fiscal year 1983 budget, we gave first priority...to improving the readiness of our forces," he said in prepared testimony. "For example, flying hours for Air Force pilots, which had dipped as low as 13 hours per month in fiscal 1978, will again be increased, rising from 17 hours per month in fiscal 1982 to about 18 and a half hours per month in fiscal 1983."

Pentagon officials worry that such plans die when Congress begins slicing away at the military requests. The reason? Too often expensive weapon systems gain backers on Capitol Hill, ensuring their approval. With lump-sum budget cuts and protected funds for aircraft carriers or bombers, for example, the first to go are things like operation and maintenance — or increased practice flying. Losses there directly affect readiness, the Pentagon says.

But as the chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee has said, "The attitude of the people is that the Defense Department is not sacrosanct." Chairman Joseph Addabbo, D-N.Y., envisions a \$15 billion reduction in budget authority which would mean spending about \$4 billion less in 1983. Budget authority includes spending approval for future years. The \$258 billion Reagan is seeking translates into actual defense spending of \$215 billion next fiscal year, if approved.

Many of the conflicts are the result of jockeying, naturally, with the Democrats sitting tight while the Republicans try to wrestle their president to some sort of compromise. On defense, however, most observers agree that Reagan won't budget. And the president, riding to the White House in part on a pledge to ease the tax burden on Americans, is reluctant to go back on his word.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 24th, the 83rd day of 1982. There are 282 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1596 — Peace of Boulogne ends England's war with France and Scotland.

1603 — Crowns of England and Scotland are joined under Scotland's James VI, who begins reign as James I upon death of Queen Elizabeth I.

1660 — Ferdinand cedes Nice and Savoy to France by Treaty of Turin.

1891 — Sydney Convention under Henry Parkes draws up federal constitution for Australia.

1924 — Greece is proclaimed a republic.

1941 — The Soviet Union says it will support Turkey if it is victim of aggression.

1953 — Dowager Queen Mary, widow of England's King George V, dies at age 85.

1968 — The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts resolution condemning Israeli reprisal raid into Jordan.

1972 — Britain takes over direct control of Northern Ireland in effort to restore peace.

1974 — Uganda crushes coup attempt against President Idi Amin following machine-gun and mortar battle with rebels.

1976 — Military government takes over in Guinea, overthrowing and arresting President Bel Peison.

1980 — El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero, a critic of ruling junta, is killed.

Thought for today:

When one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes — Dylan Thomas, English poet (1914-1953).

Closing an \$80 billion tax gap

IRS notes many Americans cheating, 5,225 new agents join combat team

By Robert L. Jackson

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Incensed over high taxes, Americans are cheating more on their income tax returns, costing the government \$80 billion annually in lost revenue, the General Accounting Office said recently.

Citing a decline in voluntary compliance with the tax laws, the GAO — the auditing arm of Congress — said a dangerous trend has developed "toward contempt and abuse of the (tax) system" largely because of "bracket creep" and the growing complexity of federal tax laws.

In a report to a House government operations subcommittee, the GAO said that the Internal Revenue Service needed more investigators to find fraudulent returns as inflation pushes more Americans into higher tax categories — the phenomenon known as

"bracket creep."

The GAO stopped short of predicting a general tax revolt, but said that "growing numbers of people in this country are unwilling to comply voluntarily" with tax laws. Therefore, it said "it is imperative that IRS have sufficient resources to maintain the integrity of our tax system."

The GAO said that according to internal IRS surveys, taxes evaded by individuals increased from \$20 billion in 1980 to \$70 billion by 1984. However, when corporations are included, the revenue loss equals \$80 billion in 1982 alone, the report said.

Responding to the findings, IRS Commissioner Roscoe E. Egger told the subcommittee that the IRS would soon devote more resources "to deal in a firm and fair way with problems of non-compliance."

As announced earlier by Secretary of the Treasury Donald T. Regan, the proposed IRS budget for the year starting next October provides for 5,225 more agents and support staff, Egger said. It calls for spending an additional \$154 million "to assure that all taxpayers pay their fair share of the tax burden," he told the subcommittee.

Although the additional agents will more than pay for themselves, Egger said he could not offer hope that the \$80 billion "tax gap" can be significantly closed.

"Based on experience, the service estimates that this increased enforcement capability will result in increased net revenues of approximately \$1.9 billion," he said.

Egger indicated that a major reason for the loss in tax revenue is the failure of some taxpayers to report income from stocks and bonds.

He told the subcommittee that he doubts Congress would approve the unleashing of an army of tax agents, reminiscent of a "police state," to enforce the tax laws and that, as an alternative, the IRS is stepping up its effort to catch omissions of income from sources for which the agency has records, notably interest and dividends.

Explaining the reasons tax cheating, William J. Anderson, director of the general government division of GAO, said, "as the tax bite gets increasingly larger, some citizens have been venting their wrath on the U.S. government and becoming less honest."

Anderson said studies in which citizens were granted anonymity show that 25 percent of all taxpayers "cheat somewhat on their returns."

"So it's a major problem," he said. "Extensive evidence is available to show that non-compliance among both corporate and individual taxpayers is a serious problem and is getting worse," Anderson told the subcommittee.

He did not say whether this evidence was based on IRS surveys or had been obtained independently by the General Accounting Office.

In response to questions from Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, D-N.Y., the subcommittee chairman, Anderson said the revenue service collects \$6 for every \$1 it spends on enforcement. But Anderson said he did not know at what point additional IRS investigators would fail to pay for themselves.

Rosenthal has noted that even with the proposed increase in manpower, the IRS will have 4,000 fewer positions in 1983 than its budget authorized when President Reagan took office in January 1981.

Describing methods used to evade taxes, the GAO study said "the use of overseas tax havens has grown rapidly in the past several years." Capitalizing on bank secrecy laws in such nearby foreign jurisdictions as the Bahamas and the British-run Cayman Islands, U.S. citizens have concealed some of their income in foreign trust accounts, Anderson said.

Other enforcement problems involve "the proliferation of (illegal) tax shelters" in the United States, with 248,000 tax returns under investigation for using such schemes, the GAO reported.

The growth of the so-called "tax protester" movement in scattered parts of the country has posed additional problems, the report said. The number of tax returns filed in protest against government policies — returns that illegally omit any payment of taxes — totaled 27,300 last year, or more than three times the number in 1978, the GAO said.

American social worker is No. 20 held in Cuba

By Kristi Vaughan

UNION, N.J. (LAT) — Dulce Alvarez and her 34-year-old son Carlos were about to leave Havana after a short visit with her dying mother when a Cuban official told them there was a problem with the son's passport. Nothing serious, he assured them; she could go on to the airport and her son would follow soon.

That was eight weeks ago. Carlos Alvarez never arrived at the airport and his mother, who flew back to the United States alone, has not heard from him since.

Carlos Alvarez, a New York City social services consultant, on Jan. 31 became No. 20 on a list of Americans jailed or detained in Cuba.

Members of the Alvarez family in Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts have pleaded to be told why Carlos, a naturalized U.S. citizen, is being detained and denied visits from relatives or from State Department officials.

Members of Congress, officials of Amnesty International and the U.S. State Department, and Alvarez's friends and business associates have sent letters and telegrams to the Cuban government asking for his release and praising his moral character and dedication to his work with the elderly. Cuban officials in Havana have not responded.

Ramon Sanchez Parodi, the top-ranking Cuban official in the United States, has told members of the Alvarez family and U.S. Rep. Theodore S. Weiss, D-N.Y., that Carlos Alvarez faces charges of subversive activity. He did not give details of the alleged wrongdoing, other than to say the charge is related to an unidentified anti-Castro group based in Miami.

Business associates describe Carlos Alvarez as deeply concerned about the poor and aged but not inclined toward political activism. He is one of 20 U.S. citizens the U.S. State Department lists as being held in Cuba.

But his case is unlike those of most U.S. prisoners. Because he is Cuban-born, the Cuban government regards him as a Cuban citizen and refuses to honor his American citizenship.

There are six other Americans with dual citizenships in Cuban prisons; one has been

detained nine years. The State Department has been able to make direct contact only with the 13 non-Cuban U.S. prisoners.

State Department officials said that most of the 20 prisoners are being held on drug or illegal entry charges.

The family places its greatest hope on pressure being put on the Cubans by U.S. Senators Conell P. Weicker, R-Conn., and Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who, in the past, have obtained the release of U.S. citizens being held in Cuba.

His family believes Alvarez is being held in a Havana detention center. Daily attempts to see him by his 68-year-old uncle who lives near Havana have been fruitless.

Alvarez came to the United States in 1962 with his family, three years after Fidel Castro took over the government. His father, a lawyer in Cuba, was unable to continue practicing law, so the family moved to the United States, settling in Madison, N.J.

Alvarez has a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the College of William & Mary in Virginia and masters degrees in social work from both the University of Chicago and the New School for Social Research in New York.

"Carlos is a very bright and amiable young man. I worked with him closely for the past 5½ years. He took responsibility well and related well to his colleagues," said Daniel Sambul, director of the Division of Aging at the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and Alvarez's immediate boss.

Alvarez specialized in programs for the elderly. In the late 1970s he volunteered to help improve conditions in New York's nursing homes. More recently, he has been a consultant to nursing homes and hospitals.

Weicker, who met Castro in 1979 and last year negotiated the release of a Connecticut resident imprisoned on drug charges, wrote to the Cuban government March 12. He asked for Alvarez's release or, at least, that he be allowed a visit from a U.S. official. The text of the letter is not being released until it is known that the Cubans have received it.

Kennedy's office has informally contacted Cuban representatives in Washington, and Lt. Gov. Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts wrote Castro March 4.

Political cooperation within Zimbabwe urged to attain common goals, success

By John Elin

QUE QUE, Zimbabwe (AP) — For more than a year, white legislators of former Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith's Republican Front have been searching their souls over the wisdom of their constant confrontation with the black-majority government of Robert Mugabe.

The recent defection of seven moderates from the Republican Front bloc in parliament reflects sentiment among many whites across Zimbabwe that cooperation offers better prospects of success for the 22-month-old country.

Less than three years ago, Greek-born baker Manoe Papayianis patrolled the country roads and bus trails around the midlands town of Que Que with a powerful semi-

automatic rifle with orders to shoot black nationalists on sight.

Today the former police reservist is a paid-up member of the political party that represented the guerrillas in the seven-year Rhodesian war.

"Time does heal wounds," Papayianis said. He is one of some 200 whites from Que Que and surrounding farms and mines who have joined Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (patriotic front). "They're in charge now so we should be supporting them for both our sakes."

Most of the remaining 190,000 whites in Zimbabwe (its name since the advent of independence April 18, 1980) support Smith's Republican Front. But a number have joined Zanu. Others, such as those who quit the party recently, think less opposition

to Mugabe could ease tensions in the land.

"The Republican Front only aggravates race relations by opposing Mugabe on just about every issue in parliament," said Papayianis. "If we could draw more whites into Mugabe's party, I'm sure we would get a much fairer deal from the government."

Chris Anderson, a moderate in the Republican Front, said that "perhaps we've served our purpose."

Although Smith's group won all 20 seats in elections, it now holds 12 against seven for the independents. A final seat, vacated by a retirement, is to be filled in a by-election.

Anderson helped arrange a recent meeting between Mugabe and 90 worried white business and professional people at which Mugabe tried to reassure whites of their role in Zimbabwe's future. He has repeatedly urged them to stay and help develop the nation's treasure trove of minerals, agricultural wealth and industries.

"What would Zimbabwe be without whites?" the prime minister said at the meeting. "You have an important role to play."

Mugabe said he wanted more whites to join the lone white agricultural minister, Denis Norman, in the 25-member cabinet. But he added he would not consider appointing any of Smith's party members.

Smith scoffed at the suggestions of a split within his own party, saying "this has been discussed before." He and other RF members have said whites are joining Mugabe's party only to curry favors such as import licenses, foreign currency allowances and government contracts.

Some 1,600 whites a month have left the land since Mugabe came to power two years ago in British-supervised elections after negotiations ended the bloody conflict. The constitutional arrangements guaranteed whites 20 of the 100 seats in parliament for seven years.

In recent months some whites have sensed a hollow ring to Mugabe's avowed policy of reconciliation between the races. Mugabe and his ministers have stridently denounced whites for crimes ranging from coup plots, to economic sabotage and to spying for neighboring white-ruled South Africa. At least a dozen whites, including one of Ian Smith's members of parliament, have been detained without trial under emergency powers regulations.



NEW NEIGHBORS: Reaganomics protesters have built an instant campground right next door to the White House in Washington. The jobless, homeless campers are living in tents in Lafayette Park, an area with beautiful lawns near the White House. The campsite is called 'Reaganville.' Reports indicate that President Reagan isn't happy about the new neighbor but the U.S. right to free expression protects them.

Original version made film history

Hollywood remaking *Fantasia* movie

HOLLYWOOD (LAT) — Once upon a time, dear children, there was a movie called *Fantasia*. It made, as they say, history.

Walt Disney fused adventurous animation with high-brow classical music. Abstract ripples, lines and splashes danced to the lush, blown-up Baroque strains of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor as orchestrated by the conductor-in-residence, Leopold Stokowski. Mushrooms, flowers and sylphs flew and bobbed across the silver screen, buoyed by a bodge-podge Tchaikovsky score that henceforth became known to all and sundry — especially sundry — as *The Nutcracker Suite*.

Dukas' *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, taking Goethe's beloved ballad in vain, was transformed into an allegorical vehicle for Mickey Mouse. Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* ballet was turned into a cataclysmic metaphor for the creation of the earth — dinosaurs, volcanoes, earthquakes, lungfish et al.

And so it went. Fauns and Cupids and a Bacchus frolicked atop Mount Olympus to the tune of Beethoven's *Pastoral* symphony. Hippias danced tutas and toe shoes for Panseloff's *dance of the hours*. Gothic technicolor horror illustrated Mussorgsky's *night on bald mountain*. Finally, to send everyone home glowing with the afterglow of saccharine piety, there was a visual ecclesiastical scene to go with a soupy arrangement of Schubert's *ave maria*.

Iconoclasts objected, from time to futile time, that Disney and his genial team had trivialized the masterpieces. No one objected to the fact that a tawdry piece like the Ponchielli divertimento deserved reverence. A few lonely voices did grumble, however, about the degradation of Beethoven and Bach. And Stravinsky himself was heard to mutter some unkind phrases about the liberties, not to mention cuts and rearrangements, taken with *Le Sacre Du Printemps*.

All that seems a bit distant, now. *Fantasia*, lapses in taste and oddities of interpretation notwithstanding, was a cinematic milestone. It also happened to be one of the first major commercial films to take music — that is, serious music — even semi-seriously.

The original sound track was made, back in 1937, not in Hollywood and not by a studio pick-up orchestra. Stokowski did the honors with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Academy of Music in the city of brotherly love. What's more, the sound track was made before work began on the animation. The images on the screen were designed to match, or at least parallel, the pre-recorded music, not vice versa. It is useful to remember those facts.

The first release of the film, in 1940, was berated by everyone, even those not connected with the Disney Studio, as a technical breakthrough. The breakthrough in question involved sound as well as sight.

"Fantasound," as the Disney process was to be labeled, foreshadowed modern stereophonic recording. It entailed the use of nine sound cameras, one concentrating on the overall blend, the other eight concentrating on individual instruments and choirs. At the *Fantasia* premiere in New York on Nov. 13, 1940, the Broadway theater was equipped with \$85,000 worth of special equipment, including 36 speakers installed behind the screen and 54 others scattered throughout the ball. Needless to say, very few theaters around the country could afford to follow suit. True "Fantasound" became a commodity more talked about than heard.

In 1956, *Fantasia* was re-released with the

sound track re-channelled on magnetic film, a fourth track emanating from speakers in the auditorium. In 1977, Disney produced a version in simulated stereo. Generations came and went, as the film took on cult status.

Now, after 42 years, *Fantasia* has been drastically revised. Have no fear, Mickey and the hippos and Bacchus donkey, having survived cinemascopes and other indignities, remain in pristine form. And, yes, the picturesque features of Leopold Stokowski still appear on the screen. The momentous occasion when he shakes hands, in silhouette, with Mickey Mouse, has been preserved.

But when *Fantasia* closes the Filmex marathon here April 1, the film will have a new sound track. Stokowski and friends will be seen — but not heard.

The Philadelphia orchestra, interpretive warts and all, will have disappeared, along with all traces of the erstwhile armchair musicologist, deems Taylor.

Time marches on. So does technology. Exit Stokowski. Enter Irwin Kostal.

Exit, too, the Philadelphia orchestra. Enter a 127-piece ensemble assembled for the purpose on a Hollywood soundstage that used to be the home of Roy Rogers and the Sons of the Pioneers.

Who, you may ask, is Irwin Kostal?

He isn't a latter-day Stokowski. That much is certain. He is an old movietown and Broadway pro. He studied conducting in his Chicago youth with none less than Nikolai Malko. The bulk of his career, however, has been devoted to show-biz; radio, television, musical comedies (52 in all) and films, two of which — *West Side Story* and *Sound of Music* — won him Academy awards.



REAL FANTASY: Walt Disney was responsible for many revolutionary ideas in the fields of movies, television and amusements. Here the cartoon character 'Aristocat' leads cheers for the tenth anniversary of Walt Disney World near Orlando, Florida. The photo was produced with a new panoramic camera.

Whoever agrees to walk in Stokowski's footsteps, as it were, must also accept Stokowski's straitjacket. The new *Fantasia* may boast state-of-the-art stereo advantages, complete with Dolby and digital devices, but it can provide the maestro-in-residence with few independent options. Tempos and cuts have been predetermined. Accents are dictated, further, by the movements of the figures in the film.

The new *Fantasia* conductor must be a master at timing and matching and cueing. That is ultimately more important than being a master at interpreting Bach and Beethoven.

"I'm not just wearing Stokowski's straitjacket," admits Kostal between takes. "I'm also wearing Mickey Mouse's."

Everyone assembled at the CBS Studio Center scoring stage — Disney's own scoring stage in nearby Burbank is too small — seems to appreciate the enormity of the challenge at hand.

"Believe it or not," says Kostal, "we do have the liberty of changing the details, even orchestration, here and there. We also can play a little with the beat, making stresses coincide even more accurately with what we see on the screen. Still, we approach this with no delusions. We are dubbing the sound track for an actor on the screen ... I don't claim to be impersonating Stokowski. I'm not replacing him. I'm just doing a difficult job, and I'm doing my best."

Kostal knows how to work efficiently, and he knows how to work fast. He was assembled an orchestra comprised of Los Angeles' best free-lance players, peppered with a few philharmonic ringers. Sometimes he listens to Stokowski and company on earphones while conducting. Sometimes he just listens to the click track, an ingenious tempo-setting device that reduces the original sound track to electronic beats, some of them unmetrical. Always, out of the corner of one eye, he watches the scene in question on a screen.

The colored original is reduced to prosaic black and white here, and punctuated by a streamer line that traverses the screen from left to right, anticipating the beat. Kostal rehearses a passage calmly, complains of a "messy pizzicato" or fuzzy entrance, makes instant corrections, attends to aural as well as visual cues, and eventually tells the unseen voices in the engineering booth that he is ready to court posterity. His beat is unflappably clear, his connoisseur mechanical as well as musical.

"It's a big lie," he says later, with a smile. "I know that. But we're trying to do this with integrity. There is no dodging with dials by the engineers. No knob jobs. We actually have found a few errors in the original sound track, which we're correcting."

The assembled musicians and technicians, few of whom actually were involved in the making of the original film, sing Kostal's praises.

"You know," Kostal says almost defensively, "some of us movie people know more about music than you might think. Look at Andre Previn. Look at John Williams. They are improving our image. It's about time, too."

Will the old *Fantasia* coexist happily ever after with the new music? Will the kiss of Kostal awaken the sleeping cartoon princess? Will Stokowski and the Philadelphians really give way to Hollywood imitators? Will the ghostroll over and play dead? Can the visual tail wag the musical dog in a project that was originally designed to work the other way around?

Time, dear children, will tell.

Elevators always going the other way? 'Queuing theory' proves you're correct

By Lee Dembart

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — One of the complications of modern life is that when you're waiting for an up elevator, the first one to arrive is usually going down, and when you're waiting for a down elevator, the first one to arrive is usually going up.

This observation, gleaned from years of waiting for elevators turns out to be true for reasons built into the laws of nature, according to the author of an article in the current issue of *Mathematics* magazine.

Why is the first elevator usually going in the wrong direction?

The answer, according to A. Wulfle, the pen name used by a professor of political science and social psychology at the University of California, Irvine, is relatively simple:

In most buildings, when you're on a low floor, the chances are that you probably want to go up because there are more possible destinations about you than below you. However, there are also probably more

elevators above you than below you, which means that when they reach you they will be going down.

Similarly, when you're on a high floor, you probably want to go down, but because there are more elevators below you, when they get to you they're going up.

(This analysis does not apply to the first floor or to the top floor of a building. All elevators at the first floor go up, and all elevators at the top floor go down. Of course, as any elevator rider will attest, you will still probably have to wait a long time for one.)

During the morning rush hour, most people want to go up, and during the evening rush hour, most people want to go down. Nonetheless, Wulfle said in an interview, "the general conclusion is still correct."

People who design elevators try to overcome this phenomenon by building in various homing instructions that station elevators where they can respond quickest or direct selected elevators to, say, answer calls only from odd-numbered floors.

These systems work under some conditions but not under all conditions.

The branch of mathematics called queuing theory seeks to analyze these situations and come up with the optimum strategy. "The mathematics gets complicated very quickly," Wulfle said.

There are psychological factors at work as well in our perceptions of elevators. Since negative emotions are felt more acutely than positive ones, we tend to remember our disappointments with elevators more keenly than we remember our satisfactions. We forget the times that the right elevator came and focus on the times that it didn't.

Wulfle, most of whose work involves mathematical modeling of decision procedures, said he was attracted to the elevator puzzle for a perfectly understandable reason:

"I was in the social science tower, and the normal entrance is on the second floor, and it always seemed like the elevator was going in the wrong direction. I wanted to understand why that was true."



TORTOISE JOCKEY: Although this young tortoise jockey at the zoo in Southampton, England isn't about to win any races, he seems to be having as much fun as if he was on a faster steed.

Research facts ignored

Politics stalls strong cigarette warning labels

By Christine Russell
WASHINGTON (WP) — The Reagan administration recently backed away from its recent endorsement of legislation to put stronger health warning labels on cigarette packages, saying the issue was "still being studied."

The surprising about-face came as top health officials appeared before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, presenting testimony that Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., characterized as "substantially weaker" than that presented previously before a House health subcommittee.

Sources indicated that the Department of Health and Human Services was surprised when the White House Office of Management and Budget failed to give the expected approval to testimony submitted for clearance and health officials were told not to talk about specific legislation.

The change was "made outside of the (HHS) department. The secretary (Richard Schweiker) was apprised along with everyone else," stressed one source, who said the issue was still undecided. "This is reflective of ongoing efforts of the tobacco industry...and continues to demonstrate their strength at frustrating the process," said another.

Tobacco-state congressmen have bitterly

complained to the administration about HHS health initiatives that they consider to smack of "Califanoism," a reference to the anti-smoking program under former HHS Secretary Joseph A. Califano, in the Carter administration.

A frustrated Packwood questioned what had happened to alter the administration's recent "staunch support" of the legislation. He and labor committee chairman Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, are pushing for a new system of alternating health warnings on cigarettes similar to that backed in the House by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Packwood suggested that "between that time and this time, somebody talked to somebody in your department and said, 'tone down the testimony.'" He added that the earlier support had apparently "touched a sensitive nerve in the administration."

An uncomfortable assistant secretary for health, Dr. Edward N. Brandt, did not respond. Under questioning, he would only say that the administration "supports stronger health warnings," but the "specific wording" of those warnings and "the way in which they are to be used" is "still being studied."

Packwood asked if this meant that placing

new warning labels on cigarettes was still an open question.

Brandt replied, "yes, it is." Earlier in the hearing, however, he had sought to minimize the apparent change, saying, "I don't think there's any difference."

Previously with administration approval, Brandt testified: "We support the bill's requirements for strong health warnings because we believe they would increase the public's knowledge of the hazards of smoking and make it possible for smokers and potential smokers to make better informed decisions as to whether to continue smoking or begin smoking."

Such references were notably missing from later testimony after late changes, although both texts expressed similar concerns about the health effects of smoking as "the single most important preventable cause of premature illness and death in the United States."

Cigarettes currently bear a warning from the Surgeon General saying, "cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health." The proposed legislation in the Senate and the House would place several stronger, more specific warnings on cigarettes as an alternating basis. They would include the dangers of emphysema, lung cancer, heart disease and

risks to unborn children.

While voluntary health organizations and experts testified in favor of the bill, the industry-backed Tobacco Institute warned that it is "an unwarranted intervention by the federal government into the private lives of its citizens."

The Reagan administration's rapid retreat from its announced support of the legislation followed a barrage of complaints to the White House from tobacco-state congressmen, congressional and administration sources said.

Aides to several members of the North Carolina delegation confirmed that they had voiced their concern.

Administration sources indicated that in the five-day interim, some southern congressmen had talked to top White House officials, including presidential political aide Edward Rollins, arguing that support of such anti-smoking legislation was inconsistent with Reagan's pledge as a candidate to end the "increasingly antagonistic" relationship between the federal government and the tobacco industry.

Others indicated that the issue also may have been taken to White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III or presidential counselor Edwin Meese III. The White House officials concluded that the issue should be given further consideration, sources there said. At a senior staff meeting Baker reportedly announced that Cabinet Secretary Craig Fuller would help coordinate the policy.

There was no indication as to how soon the White House would complete the new review.

The turnabout surprised HHS officials, who learned that the expected approval of testimony supporting the tougher warning labels had been held up. An administration source indicated that HHS Secretary Richard S. Schweiker had "strenuously objected" and was able to get permission for his officials to voice general support for stronger health warnings, but not the specifics of any legislation, in their Senate testimony.

OMB spokesman Edwin Dale said that the testimony was "mistakenly cleared the first time by OMB" and that now there was "a position of no position". He emphasized that HHS had followed the appropriate clearance procedures in each instance, but "somebody here goofed."

Johnston said that he had protested the original administration support of tougher warning labels. He indicated that Rollins called him to indicate that the "White House was aware of my concerns" and that "I wouldn't have a problem" with what administration officials would be saying before the Senate panel. He complained that the stronger health warnings had been pushed by "zealots down at the Health Department."

Another Look

I dream about People magazine

Until I had the nightmare I had always thought of *People* magazine as a frothy blend of movie actors, freaks, politicians' families, exorcists, young tycoons, astrologers, cute couples, sex psychologists, and rock stars. And I assumed that editing such a magazine must be a cinch. Now I know better.

People has traditionally been the last magazine I read after retiring. Around mid-night I toss aside *Scientific American*, *The Nation*, *Business Week*, and even news-magazines, and reach for *People*, confident that after five minutes or so I will slide into untroubled sleep.

That isn't the way it worked the other night, though, after reading the issue that had as its lead article, "Producer Alexander Coben Stages The Show of the Century as New York Blazes With 100-plus Stars." Steve Allen told the audience of 5,400 in the Radio City Music Hall that it was witnessing "the most impressive gathering of stars that any of us will ever see."

In the nightmare that followed I found myself working as managing editor of *People*, a job that is held in real life by Richard B. Stolley. That issue of March 1 had gone to press, but in my dream it bore little resemblance to the real one:

"Hi!" I greet my secretary on entering the office. "How's everything?"

"I'd rather not say," she replies.

I can tell from her expression that something is seriously askew.

"I go away for one lousy week and something goes seriously askew?" I say. "What happened?"

"Why do I have to be the one to break the news?" she whines. "Ask Hal Wingo."

"Why should I ask the assistant managing editor for news? Why not Dick Burghelm or Pat Ryan? Check the masthead, kiddo. They're the executive editors. Wingo reports to them. They report to me."

"That's part of what went wrong!" she says. "Dick had to rush off to Loodoo to complete that deal with Mick Jagger for an exclusive piece on the royal birth. And Pat's been in Washington arranging for an exclusive on how the first lady, Betsy Bloomingdale, and Jerry Zipkin plan parties."

She refuses to say any more so I stride over to Hal Wingo's office. I sense that people are watching me.

Hal is bent over the paste-up of a spread on actresses' pets. He pales when he looks up. "You've heard!" he exclaims.

"No!" I snarl. "Zelda said to ask you what happened!"

"Sit down," Hal says, and I do. "Here it is. Straight. We missed the Music Hall 'Night of 100 Stars.' Actually," he adds in a low voice, "there were about 200."

"*People* magazine didn't cover the biggest gathering of movie and television stars in history?" I shout. "That's what this publication is all about! People! Especially glittering, famous people! What the heck went wrong?"

"Everything," Hal says, looking as though he's going to cry. But I can't contain myself.

"You mean we missed a story about Liz Taylor, Miss Piggy, Robin Williams, Brooke Shields, Princess Grace, Paul Newman, Al Pacino, Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton, Larry Hagman and his Mom Mary Martin, Lira Minelli, Christopher Reeve, Muriel Streep, Dustin Hoffman —"

"Streep and Hoffman didn't make it," Hal says.

"Well they were practically the only stars in the world who didn't!" I yell. "What happened?"

"Burghelm and Ryan were away," Hal says. "We assigned two writers but they misunderstood and showed up at the opening of a star show at the planetarium instead. One photographer was hospitalized after covering a story about a house that's haunted by the ghosts of several eccentric exorcists. Another —"

"Enough!" I bellow. "You realize, don't you, that this means my job? That I'll be blacklisted by the entire magazine industry, except maybe by Sunnyside and Casket? That my wife and kids will have to stand in lines for free cheese?"

That's when Wingo broke down. So did I. It is also, fortunately, when I woke up. And at that moment I made a solemn pledge: Never again would I scoff at *People* magazine. And from that night on I decided to sign off with the *Reader's Digest*. I haven't had a bad dream yet.

Sunday March 28: Cigarettes don't kill people

DYSMENORRHEA—PAINFUL MENSTRUATION

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I realize that women have suffered painful menstruation since time immemorial. But that doesn't make it easier to bear.

I have friends who have put up with occasional headache or some nausea at the beginning of their menstruation. But my complaint is actual severe, almost unbearable pain.

I have used mild exercise, heating pads and drugs like aspirin to try to find relief. But they don't help much. I'm 19. I wish I'd get more help than my family doctor's repeated statement, "You'll grow out of it." — Miss L.

Dear Miss L.: Have you been to a gynecologist? Ask your doctor to refer you for examination. In one recent study, approximately 4 percent of teenagers complaining of severe dysmenorrhea, had some organic problem.

In one group, 55 percent had endometriosis and 13 percent had postoperative adhesions, usually following appendectomy. Sometimes fibroid tumors or pelvic inflammation is a cause.

These patients suffer from secondary dysmenorrhea. But the primary type is more common and associated with some endocrine imbalance.

In some cases, suppression of ovulation with a contraceptive pill is effective, but it should be used with caution in adolescents. Drugs like Motrin and Nalfon have been helpful.

I agree, Miss L., that you should not wait to "grow out of it" and suffer unnecessarily. I believe your gynecologist will find a way to bring you relief.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Sometime ago I read an article which reported evidence that the continued use of aluminum pots in cooking causes

forgetfulness and senility in older people.

My first impulse was to throw away all my aluminum pots. However, I've decided to wait for further confirmation. — Mrs. H.

Dear Mrs. H.: I'm waiting for confirmation, too.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Help! At age 39, I developed two patches of psoriasis on each elbow. It's miserable and unsightly. But my doctor tells me to learn to live with it. He hasn't even prescribed anything for it. Can't anyone help? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: There are new, and often effective, treatments for psoriasis. I suggest you visit a dermatologist. Use of special local medications and ultraviolet light may offer relief.

MEDICALETES II

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Our doctor says my husband is in the high risk classification of people who are likely to have a heart attack. We asked him why, and he said my husband carries three risk factors called the triple risk: he has high blood pressure, his cholesterol is way high, and he smokes like a chimney. What shall he do? — Mrs. P.

Dear Mrs. P.: Isn't it evident?

For Mr. J.: Special cholesterol tests? Perhaps your doctor is testing whether your cholesterol has a high incidence of high density of lipoproteins (HDL). Recent studies indicate that HDLs protect against atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease.

Saturday, March 27: Little league elbow

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Italian ministry owns torture of terrorist

VERONA, Italy, March 23 (AP) — The Italian Interior Ministry says it has evidence that one member of the Red Brigades was mistreated after his arrest, but defense attorneys claim many more were beaten, given electric shocks or tortured in other ways.

Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni told parliament Monday that criminal proceedings had begun against "unknown persons" for mistreating Cesare Di Lenardo, on trial here on charges of kidnapping U.S. Brigadier Gen. James L. Dozier.

Rognoni said the struggle against terrorism has "always been conducted within the constitution and with respect for law and civil rights," and the treatment of Di Lenardo appeared to be an isolated case.

"There have been 15 formal complaints (of torture), seven in the Venice area and eight in the Rome area, but in only one has there been sufficient evidence to start criminal proceedings for injury," Rognoni said.

Of the 17 men and women on trial on charges of kidnapping Dozier, three have filed formal complaints with the court claiming they were tortured by police. The other complaints to which Rognoni referred were filed by other terrorist suspects not charged in connection with the Dozier kidnapping.

Judge Francesco Pulcini of the court of Assize here has forwarded the complaints to magistrates in Venice and Padua for investigation.

Di Lenardo, who has refused to cooperate

with police, said he was given repeated electric shocks, was burned on various parts of his body and was beaten. He also claimed he was tied to a table with his head lower than his body and forced to drink several liters of salt water.

"They put you head down, close your nose and give you the salt water," said Guariente Guarienti, one of the defense attorneys in the trial. "You have the sensation you're suffocating. You talk because you think you're going to die."

Alberta Biliato, who has also refused to cooperate with police, said in her complaint that she was beaten, forced to go outside nude in the cold, and had hot liquid poured on her body. She also claimed her eardrum was punctured with a sharp instrument.

Armando Lanza, who has turned state's evidence, said he was punched in the stomach and kidneys, given electric shocks, was interrogated nude, and was tied to a radiator for four days. Di Lenardo's lawyer, Edoardo di Giovanni, said he was glad Rognoni admitted his client had been mistreated, but said many others had suffered, too.

"It's not just the defendants who have filed formal complaints, there have been photographs and medical tests that give evidence of torture," he said. Di Giovanni said a court-appointed doctor had determined Miss Biliato's eardrum was punctured and that court-appointed photographers had taken pictures showing the injuries suffered by the Red Brigades.

France goes slow on school reform

PARIS, March 23 (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand, who quickly carried through on the Socialist pledge to nationalize large chunks of industry, is moving much more cautiously with plans to nationalize another major area — the nation's school system.

Long a sore point with the political left, conservative governments for 22 years contributed major funding to France's private schools, which educate nearly two million children, or about one pupil in six.

During last spring's presidential campaign, Mitterrand vowed to reorganize the French educational system into "a unified, secular public education service." But after 10 months in office, the government is still hesitating and has yet to announce just how it will institute the change.

After a half a year of dithering, Education Minister Alain Savary began a series of "consultations" in January with various interested parties. The Socialists and Communist parties have always opposed private schools, and a teachers' union has made abolishment of

private schools a priority issue, saying siphoning off public funds for private schools has damaged the state system.

"Public money for public service," was the slogan heard most often at the teachers' annual convention last month. To make the point clear, a teachers' representative added: "if the present situation is maintained, it means war."

Though free public schooling was introduced in France 100 years ago, private schools always have been legally tolerated. In 1959, however, under President Charles de Gaulle, a law was passed creating a contractual relationship between the state and private schools.

"We are at the moment in a consultative phase," the education minister said in a recent radio interview. "Some people are in favor of the status quo, others want radical modifications. In a few months, after an inventory of what I have learned ... I will place the issue before the parliament. It is a question of basic freedom," he said.

Congressmen hear Hiroshima ordeal End arms race, bomb victims plead

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — Their voices quivering and their faces still scarred and puffed from the world's first atomic attack, survivors of Hiroshima pleaded Monday with members of Congress for an end to the nuclear arms race.

"I think God has spared some of us from this holocaust to give us an opportunity to say to the people of the world that the things we are doing are not preserving the peace but just going on the pathway of destruction," said Dr. Mutsuo Tomosawa of Watsonville, California.

Tomosawa and Mrs. Harris were among four persons, all of them teenagers during the historic raid on Hiroshima, Japan, in August 1945, who testified at a forum put on by supporters of a nuclear weapons freeze.

"You have lived through moments of terror that few people on this planet have ever known and I pray no people will ever know again," said U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat-Massachusetts, a leading sponsor of the freeze. In varying degrees, the faces and the demeanor of the survivors showed the traces of their ordeal of almost 37 years ago.

Shigeko Sasamori, now a nurse in Studio City, California, said, "I feel that all the people who died of the bomb, and not just

of the bomb but of the war, these people's spirits are telling me to tell the people who never have experienced the suffering and the pain—I have a mission to tell and show them what happened, and that is why I lived."

Kimoko Laskey of Vancouver, British Columbia, said her face was torn open by the blast of the bomb and doctors told her she needed immediate surgery, even though they had no anesthetic. "They started going through my face with a very heavy needle," she said. "I was pleading all the time, 'kill me. Please, leave me alone.'"

Tomosawa said one of his most vivid memories was of the stench of the injured, unable to obtain treatment, after maggots infested their wounds.

The nuclear freeze resolution was introduced March 10 and was immediately denounced by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig as "not only bad defense and security policy" but "bad arms control policy as well." He said a freeze would take away any inducements for the Soviets to reduce their level of arms.

Rep. Edward M. Markey, Democrat-Massachusetts, a leading house sponsor of the freeze, said at Monday's forum, "I have a hard time figuring out how stopping the arms race can be 'bad arms control policy.' I

have even more difficulty figuring out how heating up the arms race is good arms control policy."

Markey said the resolution now has 150 representatives as co-sponsors in the Democratic-controlled house and, "I think we are going to win on this resolution in the house."

The resolution faces a tougher fight in the Senate, where Oregon Republican Mark O. Hatfield is a leading sponsor but many in the Republican majority support the administration. Administration officials have indicated that they are prepared to enter arms reduction talks as soon as the martial law regime in Poland, which they blame on the Soviets, is relaxed.

The shock effect given by Hiroshima victims' testimony was heightened by the screening of a documentary film about Hiroshima bomb victims. Democratic Sen. Paul Tsongas, one of the supporters of the Kennedy-Hatfield resolution, said: "For the eight years I have been a senator, I have not been so moved by a presentation."

After the Hiroshima survivors three religious leaders testified in support of a nuclear arms freeze, James Armstrong said: "Those who live by the bomb will perish by the bomb."

Czechs free 4 dissidents

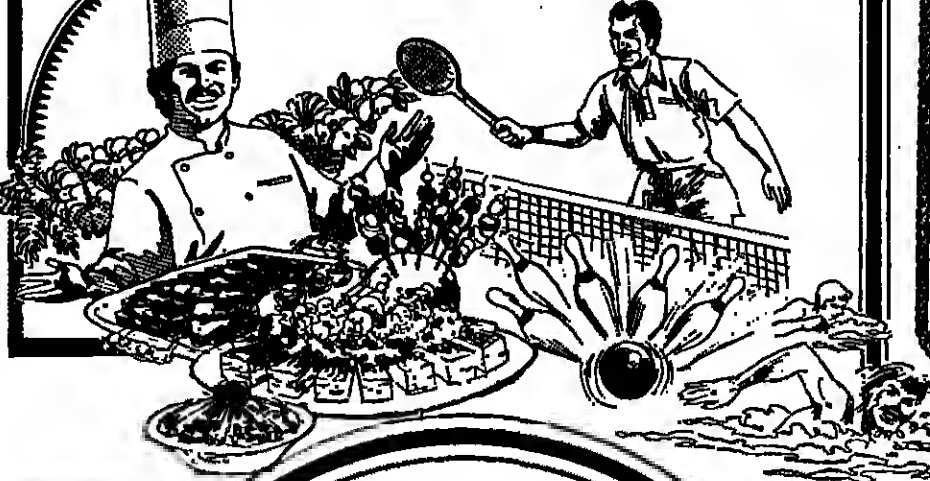
LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Four Czech dissidents were released from jail after spending more than 10 months in jail on subversion charges, a dissident journalist reported here. The two men and two women were arrested last May following the detention by police of two French citizens who tried to drive a carload of banned literature into Czechoslovakia.

Jan Kavan, director of the London-based dissident news agency Palach Press, said Monday a Prague district court ordered the release of the four. But he said the charges of subversion of the republic have not been dropped and that the four may still stand trial. They could face up to 10 years in prison.

Kavan said dissident sources in Prague had reported in a telephone call to London that the court ruled there was no longer any reason for them to be held in Ruzyně Prison just outside Prague. Kavan said three other persons arrested at the same time remained in jail.

The seven were arrested a week after the two French citizens were arrested April 28 at the Czech-Austria border. Kavan said border guards found a consignment of books on history, politics, psychology and other subjects destined for Czech scholars banned from teaching in Czech universities and schools because of their political views.

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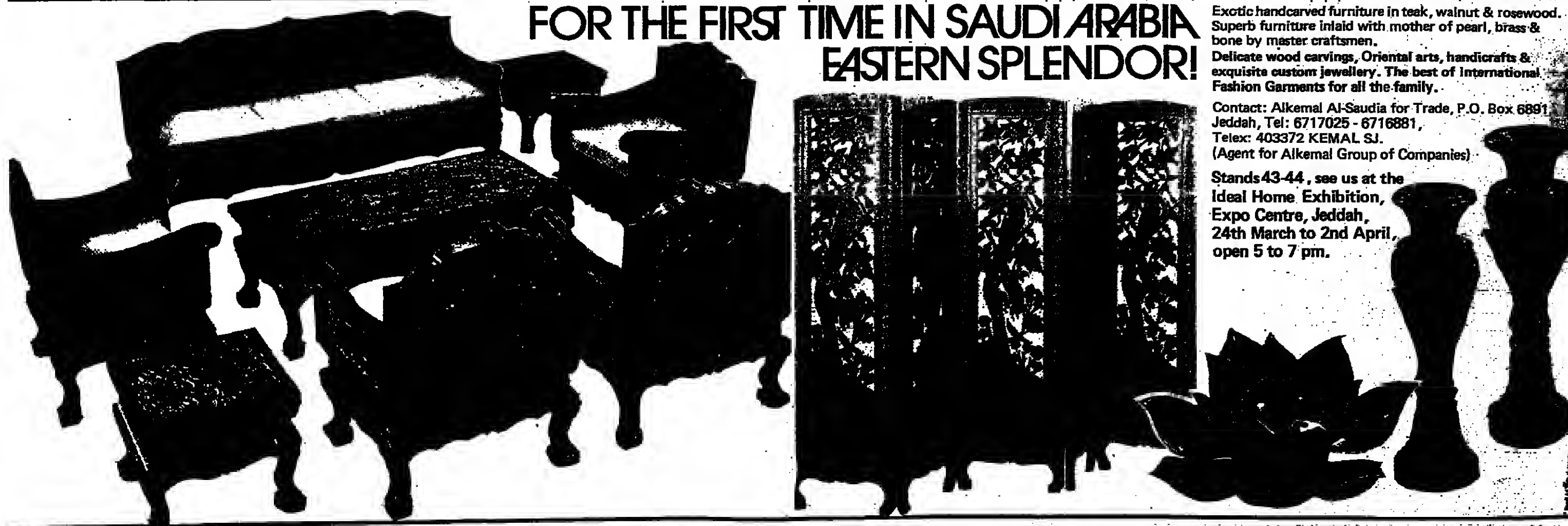
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U.S. tells Soviets to halt rights violations

WASHINGTON, March 23 (Agencies)—U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed a congressional resolution Monday denouncing human rights abuses in the Soviet Union and sent a report to Congress linking future scientific cooperation with Soviet conduct abroad.

In a communique on the resolution, Reagan said: "I wholeheartedly join with the Congress in renewing our call to the Soviet government to cease its repressive actions against those who seek freedom to emigrate or to practice their religious or cultural traditions."

Reagan's report, on U.S. technical and scientific relations with the rest of the world, said: "Future cooperation with the Soviet Union depends on the steps they take to comply with recognized norms of peaceful intercourse among nations. The report added: 'The potential for scientific cooperation with the Soviet Union was diminished even before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.'

The document charged that "the Soviet government has chosen to imprison, exile or deny work to some of its most distinguished scientists for the 'crimes' of thinking independently or wishing to emigrate."

U.S.-Soviet scientific relations were seriously reduced by former President Jimmy Carter following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, Reagan recalled. After martial law was imposed in Poland last Dec. 13, Reagan decided that the three scientific accords between his country and the Soviet Union would not be renewed.

Meanwhile, the new U.S. allegations of widespread use of Soviet-made chemical weapons in Southeast Asia were branded "dirty lies" Monday by the official Soviet news agency Tass.

"The fables about 'yellow rains' in Asia and about 'mycotoxins' of, allegedly, Soviet-make, the fables are nothing but dirty lies which cannot cast a slur on the honest and consistent line of the Soviet Union," Tass said, reacting to a U.S. government report.

A 31-page report, issued Monday by the State Department, claimed that Soviet-supplied chemical weapons have killed more than 10,000 people in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia during the past seven years. The figures were based on statements of victims, witnesses and several defectors.

Tass political observer Yuri Kornilov stressed, however, that the Soviet Union signed the Geneva protocol banning chemical weapons and has "never used warfare toxic agents anywhere."

14,000 samples still under study

U.S. budget cuts threaten moon lab closure

SPACE CENTER, Houston, March 23 (AP)—While the shuttle vaults America into a new era of space exploration, budget cuts are threatening to shut down one of the last elements of an old era—the laboratory that houses the Apollo moon rocks.

More than 800 pounds (363 kg) of lunar material brought to earth in six moon-landing missions are stored in airtight vaults at a curatorial facility at the Johnson Space Center. Thousands of samples have been processed in the lab since the return of Apollo 11 in 1969, and about 14,000 samples are still under study by scientists around the world.

But a proposed bare bones National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) budget may force the moon laboratory to shut in 1983, cutting off the lunar material from further study.

Michael Duke, curator of the facility, said it takes about \$1.5 million a year to keep the laboratory in full operation. Plans under study would reduce the lab budget by at least half and perhaps to as low as \$300,000. "Just to maintain the integrity of the samples will take about \$300,000 a year," said Duke. "That would put us at a bare caretaker level. A cut to \$700,000

would enable us to do some work."

Two hundred laboratories around the world have studied the lunar rocks, but the number of scientists has declined in recent years. There are now about 50 teams analyzing samples, said Duke.

For astronomers and astrophysicists, the lunar rocks have been a bonanza. The material has provided a fundamental understanding of planetary formation, said Duke, and much that has been learned can be applied to the earth.

"We are only now putting together a story of the moon's crust. When we understand that, then we'll know also how the earth's crust was formed," said Duke. "Everything we've learned helps us to pinpoint on earth where mineral resources can be found and to learn how volcanoes operate."

There is no other facility in the world like the Moon Lab. First called the Lunar Receiving Laboratory, it was initially designed to conduct studies of the moon samples and to isolate returning moon astronauts. Scientists for a time worried that the moon rocks, and the men who collected them, could be bringing to earth bacteria or

viruses that could cause disease.

After three moon missions, NASA dropped the requirement for isolating the specimens, but continued to keep the rocks in stainless steel vaults filled with dry nitrogen gas.

The lunar material has been studied in hundreds of different ways. Age tests dated some of the rocks at 4.5 billion years, the oldest material known. Dust samples were fed to laboratory animals and insects, with little effect. Seeds were grown in some of the lunar samples and scientists found that certain plants thrived in the soil.

Learning the chemistry of moon rocks has enabled scientists to construct a rough history of the earth's region of the solar system. Because the moon has little atmosphere, rocks from the lunar sample act as time probe, chemically preserving the characteristics of the early period of planet formation. Such information, said Duke, is not now available from any other source.

A \$1.8 million addition to the lab was dedicated in 1979, on the 10th anniversary of Apollo 11, but the expenditure was vigorously opposed by some members of Congress.

BRIEFS

HOLLYWOOD (AFP)—The "studio" in which Walt Disney created the cartoon character Mickey Mouse—a garage behind his uncle's house—was sold at auction here Monday \$8,500. The buyers, a group of Walt Disney employees who are members of a Hollywood conservation society, said they would store the garage in a warehouse until they decided what to do with it.

NEW DELHI (AP)—The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Monday agreed to provide India \$138 million worth of services for impoverished mothers and children over the next three years. It was described by UNICEF officials as the agency's largest commitment made to any single country.

LOURDES, Central France (AFP)—Two young women police inspectors disguised as nuns are patrolling this city to prevent visitors being robbed by gangs of pickpockets. They have already made numerous arrests. Both inspectors were recruited from the elite Police Corps operating in the Paris underground Metro Railway.

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—Nine persons, including a military policeman, died in the latest round of political violence that claims an estimated 300 lives each month in this strife-torn Central American country, authorities said Monday. In addition, police said nine persons were seriously injured Monday when unknown assailants tossed a grenade into a restaurant in the small town of Patzún, over 100 kms west of here.

ZWELITSHA, Ciskei (South Africa) (AFP)—A former Robben Island prisoner,

William Qwati, has been detained in Ciskei since March 5, the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service confirmed Tuesday. Qwati's wife Ellen said her husband had been picked up after police had searched their home at Mdantsane, near East London. Nothing was removed from the house, she said. Qwati settled in Mdantsane in 1969 on his release from Robben Island, where he served three years for a conviction relating to the outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

NEW DELHI (AP)—A government-owned passenger bus skidded off a winding highway in the foothills of the Himalayas and plunged into a gully Tuesday, killing 27 and injuring 22, the United News of India reported. The crash occurred near Joginder-nagar, 310 kms north of the New Delhi, in India's Himachal Pradesh state. Some of the injured passengers were reported in critical condition in local hospitals.

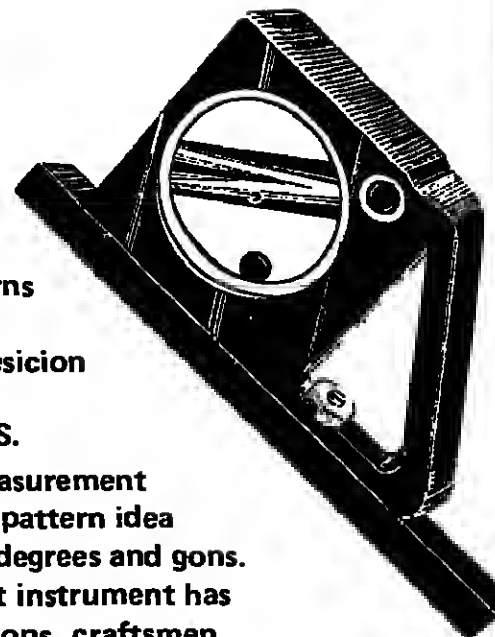
MIAMI (AP)—The leader of 16 men charged with launching an invasion of Haiti claims his group was only on a training exercise and had no intention of going to the island nation. Benjamin B. Weissberg, 32, of Miami, also known as "Captain Ben," said in an interview published Monday that his group was headed for a small island near Cuba to conduct paramilitary training.

BEIJING (R)—China warned foreign countries Tuesday against upgrading relations with Taipei and reiterated opposition to the establishment of official links with the island under the guise of unofficial ties.

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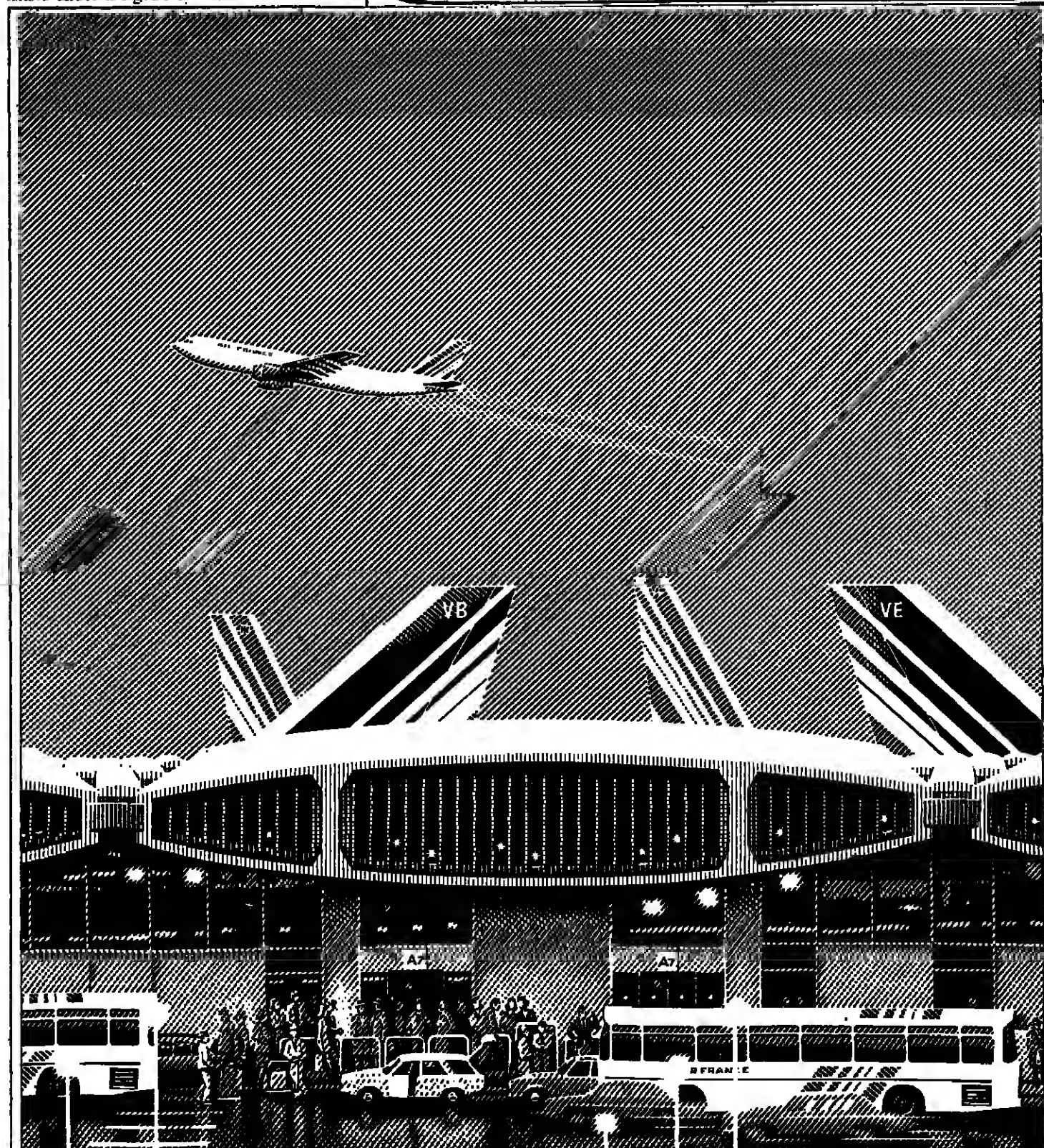
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With 25% drop in France

Oil products' sales dip 10% in six states

NEW YORK, March 23 (R) — Sales of key oil products dropped 10.1 percent in January in six major industrial nations, according to an authoritative oil industry newsletter.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said in its latest edition that government and industry data showed a sharp drop in demand for petrol, heating oil, diesel fuel and heavy fuel oil in the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy and Britain.

The report was further gloomy news for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) which agreed in Vienna at the weekend on an output ceiling of 18 million barrels of oil a day to protect its current benchmark price of \$34 a barrel.

PIW said demand in the six leading industrial countries totaled about 20.5 million barrels per day (bpd) in January, down 2.3 million bpd from the same month of last year.

The six nations account for about 10 percent of the non-Communist world's oil product consumption. "The reduction is unexpectedly large, coming on top of an eight percent drop in full-year 1981 and severe weather during the month," PIW said.

It said about half of the volume decline came in the United States, where demand fell 8.7 percent. The biggest percentage drop, 25 percent, occurred in France, it added.

West Germany's consumption fell 14.2 percent, Japan's by 10.3 percent, Italy's 3.7 percent and Britain's 1.1 percent, the newsletter said. The product showing the steepest fall, 14.8 percent, was heavy fuel oil, which is

Soviets give boost to freight market

LONDON, March 23 (AFP) — Continuing Soviet chartering, backed by Japanese and Chinese activity, gave the freight market a decidedly firmer trend last week.

The Soviet interest was said to be widespread, covering the United States, Argentina and Australia, but little was known of the business done. Currently these influential charterers are said to be seeking tonnage in the Great Lakes for trans-Atlantic or period business.

The higher payments were not only being made for grain shipments, but owners were also benefiting in the coal trades. Nevertheless these levels were still well below those ruling a year ago, and only on the borderline of profitability, shipbrokers pointed out.

Among the details of Soviet fixtures to emerge was that of a 34,000 tonner booked for a trip via Australia to Aden with redelivery at Nakhodka at \$5,000 to \$5,500 per day. Meanwhile, a 53,000 tonner was thought to have been paid \$4,850 daily for a trip from South Korea to the Mediterranean via U.S. west coast. Panamax vessels (60,800,000 tonnes) were also said to be in demand.

used for large boilers in commercial buildings, factories and electricity generating stations.

Demand for petrol fell 4.7 percent overall, with France showing the biggest decline, 16.7 percent.

Industry sources said the evidence of a sharp decline in sales conforms with recent reports that oil inventories in the Western world are being drawn down at subnormal rates so far this year.

Preliminary government estimates, which are subject to substantial revision, indicate inventories will decline in the 1982 first quarter at a rate of three million bpd, well under the 3.5 million to 4.5 million bpd estimated previously.

Meanwhile the White House Monday credited President Reagan's decision 14 months ago to lift price controls on U.S. petroleum with weakening OPEC's influence over world oil supplies.

The assessment followed the reduction in output by OPEC to 17.5 million barrels a day because of a global oil glut that has pushed down prices.

Japan deals in gold futures

TOKYO, March 23 (AFP) — Japan's first gold futures market began operating here Tuesday.

It reflects and is the consequence of an unprecedented taste for bullion in this country.

Last year, the Japanese gold rush beat all records. The dealers' association reports that small clients bought 53.1 tons in the year ended March 1981, a 50 percent rise on the previous 12 months. For the subsequent 12 months purchases are being estimated at 102.4 tons.

The Finance Ministry says Japan's imports in 1981 were 167.3 tons, equivalent to 25 percent of output in the non-Communist world. Its value was about \$2,300 million. The tonnage imported was five times that in the previous year, and it made Japan the top world buyer.

The public's taste for gold is new, and it has taken the Japanese financial community by surprise. Until quite recently, gold was never regarded as a normal investment or a hedge against inflation. Traditionally the Japanese go more for certain stocks and shares, savings accounts, treasury bonds and works of art.

Another interesting feature is that, until 1973, gold was rated higher in Japan than anywhere else. This was the result of a total ban on imports and exports, and the virtual exhaustion of Japan's own mines.

The ban was lifted in 1973, and the rate adjusted to the international level. In due course the public began seeking dependable investments as the international crisis got

Laker opens aviation consultancy

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Forty-four years after he entered the aviation industry as a tea boy in an aircraft factory, Sir Freddie Laker began a new job Monday as head of a London aviation consultancy.

The 59-year-old flying tycoon, who said over the weekend he's abandoning efforts to start a new airline, said, "I like to think, in my own vain way, that I have a great deal of experience and expertise to offer the entire spectrum of aviation and its ancillary industries. 'I have done it all many times,' he told reporters in the offices of Freddie Laker Ltd. in the city of London financial district. "In general terms, I have been highly successful. I made a profit every year from 1947 until now."

Laker, who built his fortune selling airplanes and flying cargo after World War II and whose cur-price Laker Airways went bust six weeks ago with 270 million pounds (\$486 million) in debts, said "Saturday that government 'red tape' made it impossible for him to launch a new 'people's airline'."

The government Civil Aviation Authority countered it was not blocking Laker, only insisting that he prove he is financially viable before it issues him flying licenses.

Norway hints at foreign aid cut

OSLO, March 23 (AP) — Norway's new Conservative government says it expects to cut back development aid to poor countries to compensate for reduced income from its North Sea oilfields.

The country's 1982 budget, prepared by the Labor government which fell in elections last autumn, estimated 1982-85 gross oil revenues fell at \$28.3 billion.

"Because of the oil-price reduction in less than half of this seems realistic now," Finance Minister Rolf Presthus said while announcing Norway's latest oil price cut to \$31 from \$35.

That, he said, "must inevitably affect" Norway's foreign aid. Norway has taken pride in the percentage of its gross national product devoted to foreign aid. In recent years, it annually has surpassed the 0.7 percent goal of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

The Storting, or parliament, voted last fall to set the 1982 goal at 1.05 percent, the first time it would have gone over 1 percent.

If EEC decides Bonn may curb Japan imports

BONN, March 23 (AFP) — West Germany is ready to curb imports of certain Japanese goods temporarily, if this is called for under an overall EEC import policy on Japanese products, an informed West German source said here Tuesday.

This stance will be conveyed to Masumi Esaki, special envoy of Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki, who was due here on the last leg of an EEC tour that has also taken in Brussels, London and Paris.

Esaki will spend two and a half days in West Germany where he will meet Economy Minister Otto Lambsdorff, Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. He will also talk with Helmut Kohl, leader of the Christian-Democrat opposition.

The source gave the following four-point analysis of the West German position:

1) The EEC is united on its demand to Japan to open up its market further to foreign goods. This was reaffirmed Monday by the 10 foreign ministers when they decided to use GATT article 23 in order to obtain an explanation from the Tokyo government about its customs policy.

The West Europeans agree that Japan's recent lifting of 67 non-tariff barriers is a "political signal" with limited commercial

impact.

2) Divergences arise among the 10 EEC countries on past or future measures to cope with the inflow of Japanese goods.

3) West Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark are the most liberal of the EEC nations in regard to the entry of Japanese products, and for its part West Germany will continue this policy as far as possible.

4) However it is important to avoid increasingly restrictive cumulative national policies in this sphere. West Germany fears that France, Italy and Britain will be tempted simply to shut out "sensitive items" from their markets, entry being already curbed.

In order to head off this increased protectionism, West Germany is ready to harden up its liberal attitude.

The sources said Esaki would convey to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt a message "of a general character" from Suzuki.

During a visit to Tokyo by Lambsdorff last June, the Japanese government pledged not to raise car shipments to West Germany by more than 10 percent. Lambsdorff is due to pay another visit from April 2 to 8.

The undertaking has been carried out, and last year Japan's market share in this sector dropped to 10 percent from 10.4 percent in 1980.

Bolivia acts to shore up economy

LA PAZ, March 23 (AP) — Bolivia late Monday announced a new dual currency exchange system it says will help pull the economy out of its worst recessionary crisis in decades and promote exports.

In a news conference in La Paz, the minister of finance, Colonel Javier Alcoreza, said the official peso-dollar rate will remain fixed at 44 pesos per U.S. dollar at the central bank.

Dollar and other foreign currency reserves of the state bank will in the future be available only for the importation of wheat, debt service payments and central government import needs, Alcoreza said.

All other currency transactions will be handled by a new, "unofficial" or parallel money market run by Bolivia's commercial banks and exchange houses.

The peso's value on this unofficial market is to be determined by "free market supply and demand," Alcoreza said.

Currency reserve levels at the central bank are so limited, the minister said, that "we have no other choice" than to allow the peso to float on the free market.

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For trade policy change

EEC mounts pressure on Japan

BRUSSELS, March 23 (AFP) — The European Economic Community has decided to invoke the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to pressure Japan into quickly modifying its trade policies with Europe, informed sources said.

At their meeting here, the 10 EEC foreign ministers stressed the need for Japan to give tangible assurance that it will pursue a policy of easing trade barriers in 1982 and in coming years.

The only EEC country to oppose this move

was Italy which, with France, has the greatest number of restrictions against Japanese imports.

The ministers faced with a combined EEC trade deficit of \$15,000 million were particularly worried over flood of such Japanese exports as cars, television and machine tools.

They agreed to an unrelated 2 of GATT, which would lead to a probe of Tokyo obligation to open its home market to EEC exports.

Invoke Article development, Greece gave the EEC Monday a 16-page document out-

lining its needs for special treatment by the European trading bloc, it joined last year.

A Greek source here said Greece "does not seek a renegotiation" of its entry into the EEC. The document must be seen as a "position paper outlining Greece's problems due to EEC membership," the source added.

Greece's Deputy Foreign Minister Grigorios Varfis gave the paper to Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans at the start of a two-day foreign affairs ministers meeting here. Tindemans is the president of the meeting.

Varfis told reporters later the document sets no ultimatum about a Greek pullout from the EEC which encompasses 10 nations. Since the election of Premier Andreas Papandreu there has been ample speculation that Greece might seek a withdrawal from the EEC.

Varfis said his government will go ahead with its planned five-year economic program, scheduled to start in 1983, and which includes state aids for farmers. Such aids are banned under EEC law.

The Greek source said the paper has to be translated from Greek first. The foreign ministers did not immediately deal with the issue.

Varfis said "EEC policies hurt countries with Mediterranean agriculture and nations that are not industrially developed."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday

| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
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| Bahraini Dinar | 9.05 | 9.08 | 9.08 |
| Bangladesh Taka | — | 15.45 | — |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | — | — | — |
| Canadian Dollar | — | 281.00 | — |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 143.85 | 143.50 | — |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 131.00 | 129.40 | — |
| Egyptian Pound | 3.44 | 3.85 | — |
| Emirati Dirham (100) | 93.00 | 93.20 | — |
| French Franc (100) | 55.50 | 54.80 | — |
| Greek Drachmas (1,000) | 52.50 | 55.40 | — |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | 36.75 | — |
| Iranian Rial (100) | — | — | — |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | — | — |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 26.80 | 26.30 | — |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | — | 14.00 | — |
| Jordanian Dinar | 9.90 | 9.78 | — |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 12.02 | 12.00 | — |
| Labanese Lira (100) | 70.25 | 69.85 | — |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | 57.75 | 58.70 | — |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | 30.50 | — |
| Philippine Peso (100) | — | 41.40 | — |
| Pound Sterling | 6.12 | 6.18 | — |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | 94.00 | 94.10 | — |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | — | 160.85 | — |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | — | 32.45 | — |
| Swiss Franc (100) | 181.50 | 180.35 | — |
| Syrian Lira (100) | 58.00 | 63.50 | — |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | — | — | — |
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UAE unfolds \$6.2 billion 1982 budget

ABU DHABI, March 23 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) cabinet Tuesday approved a budget of 22.6 billion dirhams (\$6.2 billion) for 1982, 15 percent lower than last year's budget, reflecting reduced oil exports in a glutted world market.

The official Emirates News Agency, reporting the decision, said the new budget had an estimated deficit of 2.3 billion dirhams (\$600 million).

It gave no reason for the deficit. But the UAE will cut daily oil production by 300,000 barrels to one million in April and May under a formula agreed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) fixing the group's total daily output at 18 million barrels in an attempt to defend its prices.

The UAE will also reduce price differentials for its high-quality crudes by about \$1 a barrel. The cabinet ordered government agencies "to rationalize expenditure and minimize unnecessary expenses," the agency said.

BRIEFS

BONN, (AFP) — West Germany achieved a trade balance of 3,600 million marks (about \$1,506 million) last month — 2,500 million marks (\$1,046 million) better than in January, the West German Federal Statistics Office has announced. But it added that Bonn's current account balance of payments had a deficit of 600 million marks (about \$250 million).

MANILA, (AFP) — A South East Asian regional car manufacturing scheme is being delayed because each country is looking after its national interests, a General Motors executive said here. The five countries in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) plan to share out product manufacture and exchange products at preferential tariff rates.

NEUCHÂTEL, (AFP) — Sales of the Swiss chocolate group Suchard-Tobler increased 11.5 percent in value and 12.6 percent in volume last year to reach 269 million Swiss francs (\$140 million), the firm has announced. Suchard-Tobler profits rose about 35 percent to 1.79 million Swiss francs (\$940,000). Exports of chocolate products grew by 20 percent.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain has decided to block all imports of meat and meat products from Spain because it is not satisfied with hygiene regulations in Spanish slaughterhouses, a ministry of agriculture spokesman has said. He said the imports could be resumed later if the health regulations in Spain improved.

Franc wilts against dollar

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 23 — The French franc fell to a record 24-year low against the dollar in New York on Monday night, to reach 6.2700. On Tuesday, despite some French central bank support, the French currency was still weak at 6.2650 levels in Paris.

In other currency news, the German mark and Japanese yen also weakened in the face of the stronger dollar. On the money markets, the dollar fell back by between 1/4 to 5/16 percent in some tenors, as the money markets began to reassess long-term U.S. dollar interest rates in light of renewed optimism for a U.S. economic recovery. Federal Reserve "Fed fund" rates remained fairly stable however, at about 14 1/4 percent levels.

In the bullion market, gold made a technical comeback to trade \$ 322 levels in Europe Tuesday, after closing at \$ 323.50 in New York on Monday night. Once again, bullion dealers were cautious about predicting that gold prices could maintain these levels.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates took a tumble by as much as one percent in short-dated tenors, and dealers expected some further falls in rates if Eurodollar deposit rates continued to ease. On the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates continued to hold firm, with rates fluctuating between 3.4200-10 to 3.4205-08 levels as demand from the OBU's — offshore booking units in Bahrain crept in.

In the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates fell back to take the one-month rate to 14 1/16 — 14 1/16 1/2 percent compared with 15 1/16 percent levels Monday. Dollar interest rates continue to remain attractive however, given the recent falls in European interest rates with sterling.

rates now also falling after they had gone up sharply for short-term funds. While some dealers feel that the dollar might soon become "overvalued" against the continental currencies, for the time being the dollar is riding high. The French currency and the German mark suffered reversals due to political defeats suffered in local elections by the Socialists and social "Democrats" respectively. Fears of political instability in both countries started selling pressures on both currencies taking the mark to 2.3950 levels and the franc to 6.2670 levels. The Japanese yen also fell back to 245.50 levels after closing at 245.90 in New York on Monday night. Trade sanction moves against Japan by the Western industrialized countries were the major factors affecting the yen's fall.

In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates opened cautiously at 3.4200-10 but had risen to 3.4205-10 levels by close of business. Dealers reported some strong demand from commercial orders as local importers took advantage of favorable exchange rates to open letters of credit. In the money markets, rial deposit rates fell back sharply to take the one-month rate to 13 1/4 - 13 1/4 percent from Monday's 13 1/4 - 14 1/4 percent levels.

The one-year deposit was similarly affected with the one-year deposit falling back to 13 - 13 1/2 percent from previous opening levels of 13 1/2 - 14 percent. Dealers attributed these falls to continued liquidity injections into the system as well as to the falls in Eurodollar deposit rates.

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3 Gulf states face monetary problems

MANAMA, March 23 (AP) — Half the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council are suffering financial problems during 1982 because of falling crude prices and production, according to official figures.

Kuwait will sustain a budget deficit of at least one billion dinars (\$3.5 billion), while the United Arab Emirates budget will be \$620 million in the red and Oman will suffer from a \$500 million balance of payments gap.

Figures released in Kuwait said the deficit estimate was conservative, based on Kuwait's

ability to raise its current average daily crude output of 655,000 barrels to one million barrels — an unlikely development in view of OPEC's recent decision to lower the aggregate daily output.

Public expenditures in Kuwait, which has a population of around 1.5 million, multiplied eight-fold in the decade ending last year. Per capita income rose nearly five times in the same period to 1963 dinars (\$6870), official figures say.

Reagan allays farmers' fears

WASHINGTON, March 23, (R) — President Ronald Reagan reaffirmed that he would not repeat the 1980 U.S. grain embargo against the Soviet Union unless it was necessary as part of broader sanctions to counter Kremlin actions.

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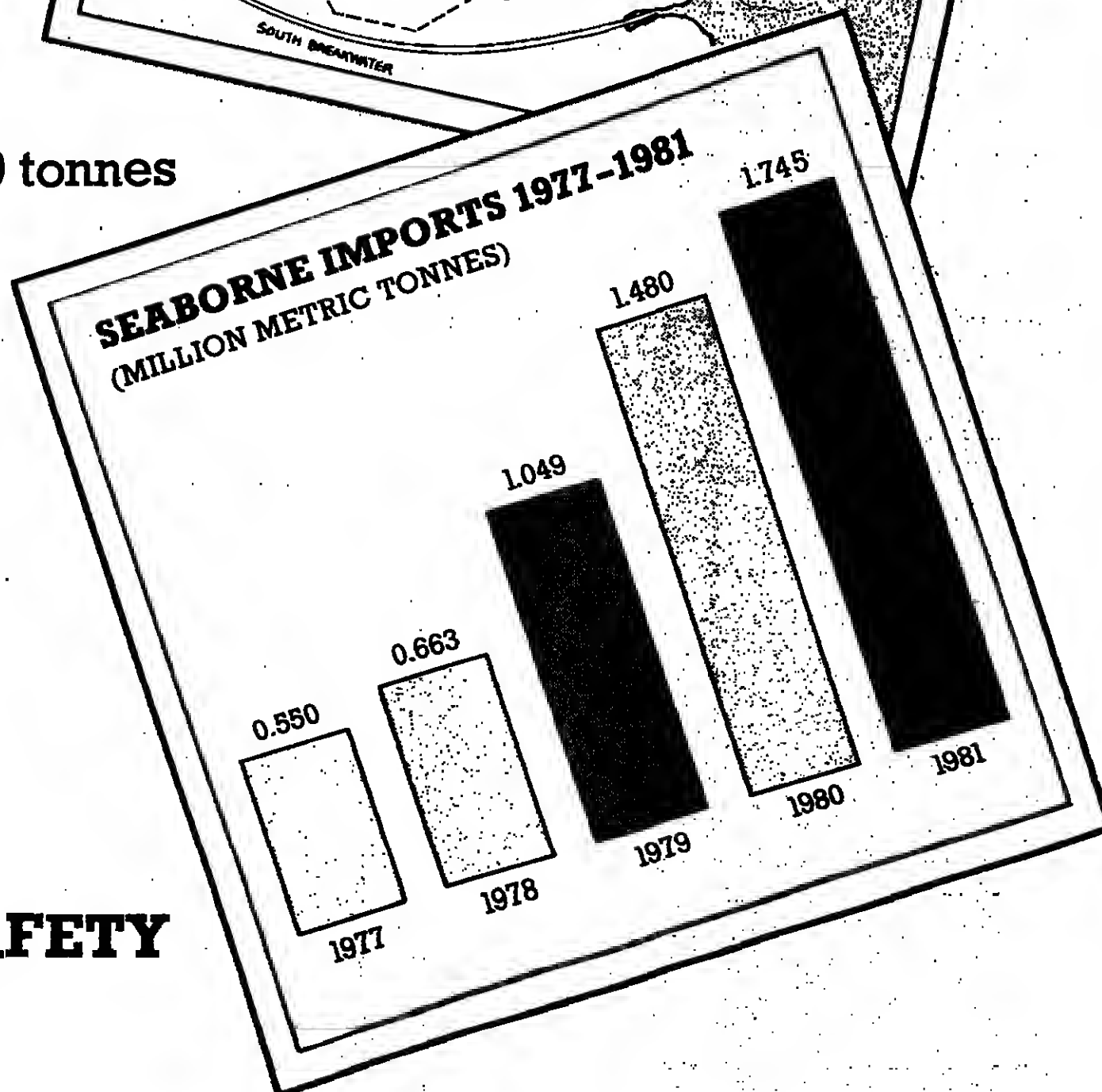
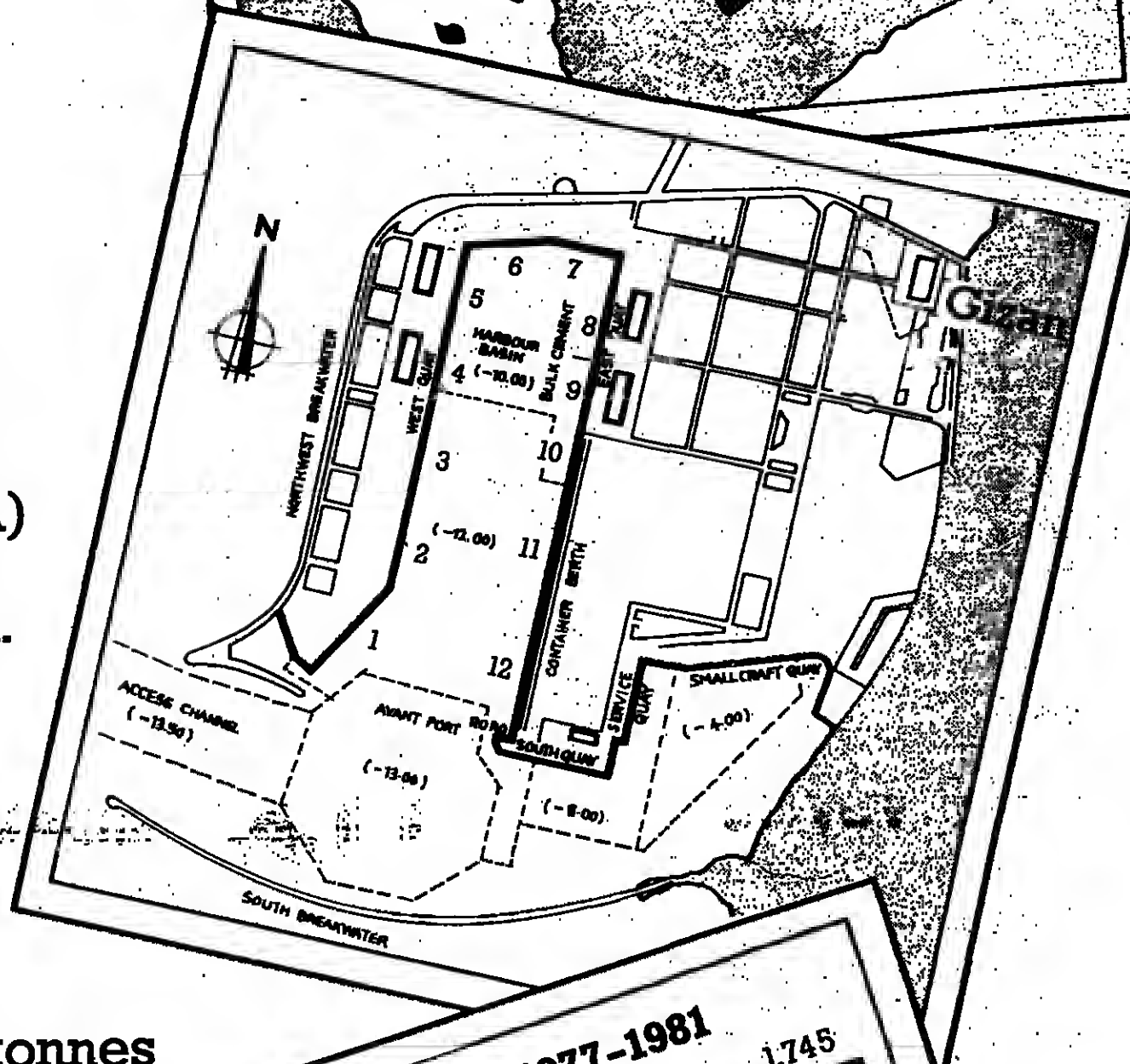
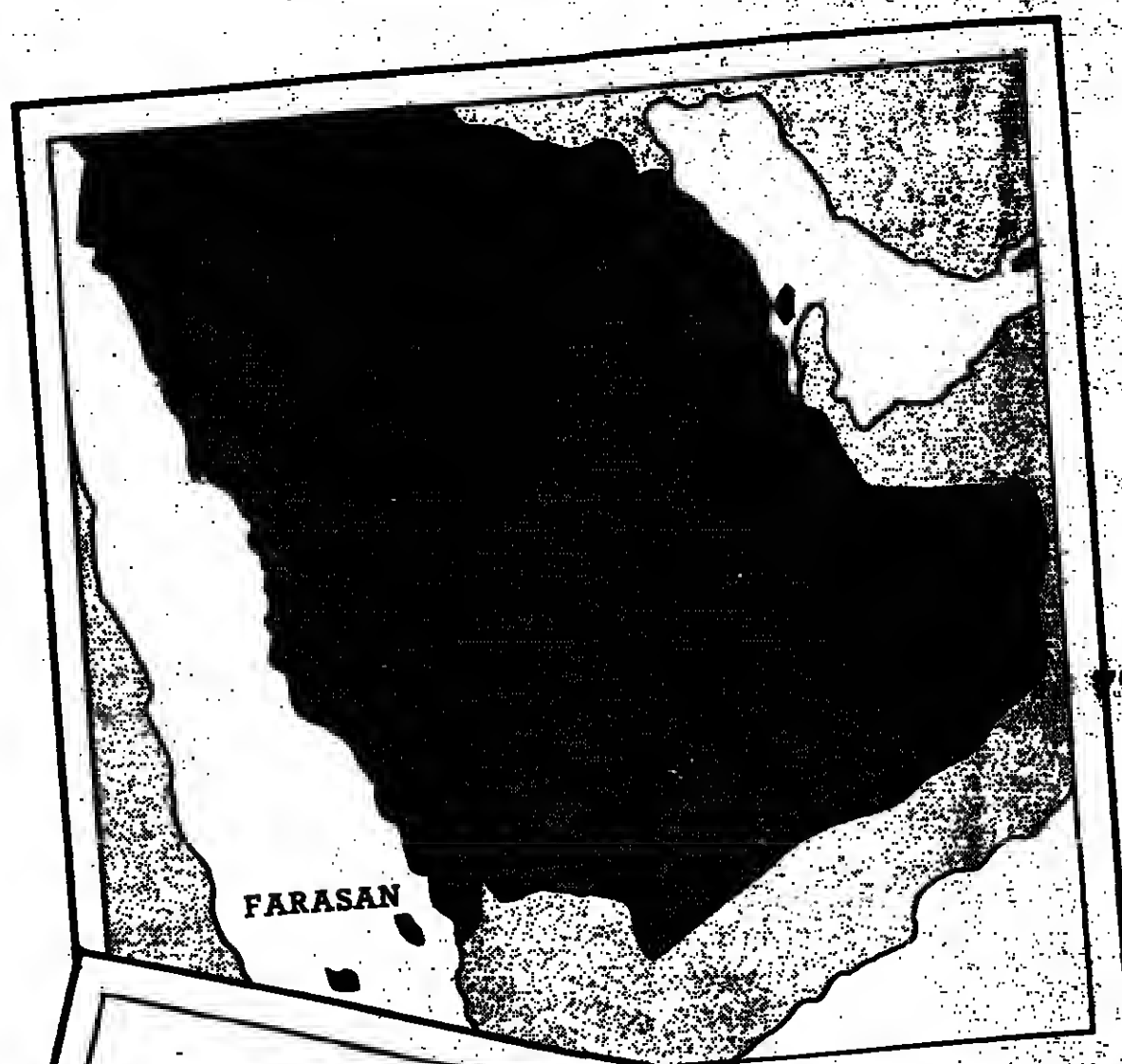
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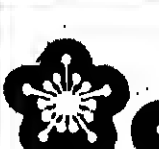
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As Worthy, Perkins strike decisively

Tarheels breeze past Wildcats

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 23 — From 278 to 48 to four — that's the story of First Division College Basketball as the NCAA tourney enters its last week with No. 1-ranked North Carolina still the best bet to dribble away, from the four-team final victorious.

It hasn't been without a struggle for Dean Smith's Tarheels, however, who had to go to the four corners offense a couple of times in Sunday's win over a feisty yet outclassed group of Wildcats from Villanova. North Carolina won 70-60, with James Worthy and Sam Perkins ultimately overwhelming a determined John Pinone and impressive freshman Ed Pinckney, who led Villanova with 18 points.

North Carolina, now 30-2, hit 15 of 20 in the second half, that 75 percent shooting topping Villanova's steady 61 percent. It was Tarheels' Jimmy Black who handled the flow of the contest, marking up 10 assists including numerous backdoor plays that left the Wildcats backpedaling in frustration.

North Carolina carries the nation's longest winning streak into New Orleans for the semifinals Saturday against Houston, which topped Boston College 99-92 Sunday. In the

other semifinal, Georgetown, roaring by Oregon St. Saturday 69-45, clashes with Louisville, which knocked off Alabama-Birmingham 75-68. The Louisville game was much closer than the score indicates while Georgetown sailed away from the Beavers in the opening seconds, led by two slams by astounding freshman center, Patrick Ewing.

Hoya Coach John Thompson called it the finest performance by any team he's coached, and the picture-perfect play of Georgetown, now 29-6, led to record NCAA shooting: 74 percent from the field, or 29 of 39 in the two halves. Guard Eric "Sleepy" Floyd took care of the backcourt with 22, and Ewing dominated the lane with 13. He silenced the partisan crowd in the West Regional's Provo, Utah site early with the dunks and helped his teammates limit Oregon St. to but three field goals and nine points in the Beavers' first 19 possessions.

While there was no doubt about Oregon St.'s fate, Louisville's Denny Crum went to his bench for the win over Alabama-Birmingham. Cardinal subs outscored their Blazer counterparts 31-6, this ultimately justifying Crum's move early in the season to shuffle substitutes into play regularly. He can afford to: at least nine of his squad were high school All-Americans.

Crum, fighting the label attached to his Cardinals — "Poorly disciplined" — was pleased when Louisville hung on despite challenges from Gene Bartow's Blazers. The last time Louisville made the finals it was on the back of Darrell Griffith, now in the pros. This year, led by Jerry Eaves, the Cards, now 23-9, still don't have any player who can dominate. That balance showed in the scoring. Charles Jones, substitute center, got 19; Lancaster Gordon, 14; Eaves, 13; and Gordon Smith, 11. Oliver Robinson led Alabama-Birmingham with 20.

North Carolina, which under Dean Smith hasn't won the NCAA, showed the same balance. Worthy finished with 14, and Perkins, 13. Sophomore Matt Doherty got 13 and Michael Jordan, 15. Black, who took over the helm after the graduation of Phil Ford last year, wound up with 11. The Tarheels won it from the line, however — 20 of 24 free throws to Villanova's six of nine.

Houston also went to the charity stripe to nail its win over a Boston College team that simply wasn't supposed to come so close to the final four. The Golden Eagles, fourth in the Big East conference earned plenty of criticism when named to the 48-team tourney field. That largely disappeared, however, with their bouncing No. 2-ranked DePaul and then Kansas St., 69-65, for the right to meet Houston.

In a running game that's been sorely lacking this slowdown season, both teams bumped, elbowed and crashed to the free throw line a total of 69 times. Houston prevailed: 33 of 44, with Boston College 16 of 25. That was the story at the end only, however, with 18-year-old Reid Gettys coming off the bench to go 10 of 10 at the line in the second half. Prior to that, Houston came out gunning with the Eagles not far off the pace, leading to a 46-43 count at the half.

BC's John Bagley twisted to a game-high 26 points, keeping the Eagles close every time Houston spurred ahead. Jay Murphy added 23, John Garri, 19, and Rich Shrigley, 10. Houston, now 25-7, was led by guard Roh Williams with 25. Four others contributed substantially: Larry Micheaux 18; Lynden Rose and Clyde Drexler, both 15; and Gettys 10.

Meanwhile, two other NCAA college championships were decided. Behind 6'8 senior Pete Metzlaars, who had a career-high 45 points, Wabash College defeated Potsdam St. 83-62 for the Division III championship. In Division II, District of Columbia knocked off Florida Southern 73-63 for the title.

Next Saturday in New Orleans Houston goes up against North Carolina, with Louisville tackling Georgetown. The final game is scheduled for Monday, March 29.



Imran Khan...a rich haul

| Score-board | |
|---|-----|
| Sri Lanka (1st innings) | 7 |
| B. Warnapura c Moinis b Imran | 20 |
| S. Wettimuny c Qasim b Imran | 0 |
| Jayasekera b Imran | 0 |
| R. Dias batting | 106 |
| Madugalle c Ashraf Ali b Imran | 0 |
| D. Mendis c b Tauseef | 26 |
| S. de Silva b Imran | 7 |
| de Mel batting | 16 |
| Extras | 22 |
| Total (for 6 wks) | 204 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-17, 3-79, 4-83, 5-141, 6-171. | |
| Bowling: Imran 21-7-40-5; Naqqash 7-0-44-0; Qasim 5-2-12-0; Nazir 8-1-23-0; Tauseef 12-1-50-1; Raja 5-1-13-0. | |

E. Germans keep winning sequence

KALGENFURT, Austria, March 23 (AFP) — Unstoppable East Germany won their fourth consecutive match in the World Group "B" Ice Hockey Championships here Monday to open up a clear lead in the eight-nation tournament.

The Germans defeated Austria 7-4, outscoring the Austrians 4-1 in the first period and settling the outcome with a 2-1 advantage in the second period. They relaxed in the last 20 minutes to allow the Austrians back into the game with two more goals.

In the Group "C" matches played in Jaca, Spain, Hungary trailing into the third period snatched a narrow 5-4 victory over Yugoslavia (0-2, 1-2, 3-1) on the fourth day of the championship.

In another match France crushed South Korea 20-4. The Koreans have now conceded as many as 49 goals in their three outings. This was France's third straight win.

Denmark and Bulgaria were concerned in a 2-2 draw in a closely-contested encounter. While Anderson and Eller scored for Denmark, V. Dimov and M. Dimov netted for Bulgaria.

In yet another match, Japan scored a runaway 11-2 victory over Spain to join France at the top of the standings with six points from three outings.

With an unbeaten 106

Dias stems the slump

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 23 (AP) — Imran Khan, in his first encounter with the Sri Lankan cricketers pulverised them with a spell of five for 40. But a fighting unbeaten 106 by Dias rescued the tourists from a total collapse on the first day of third Test against Pakistan at the Gaddafi Stadium Monday.

At close of play Sri Lanka, put into bat by Javed Miandad, struggled to reach 204 for six. The other not out batsman was de Mel with 16.

Imran Khan, who did not play in the first two Tests because of dispute with the Board of Cricket Control in Pakistan over the captaincy for the summer English tour, gave tourists a harsh reminder of his mighty force.

He gave the Lankans a worried time during his fiery spell and constantly baffled the batsmen by making the ball rise from the good length for devastating results. Barring Dias, who played like a seasoned veteran, the remaining batsmen floundered pitifully against the pace of Imran.

Dias reached his hundred in his fourth Test shortly before close with 14 timed fours and a six off Tahir Naqqash. Sri Lanka's innings, which began an hour late because of the overnight rain had saddened the area around the pitch, consisted mainly of a procession of badly beaten batsmen plodding back to the pavilion.

Their troubles started in the fifth over of

the day when Warnapura in an attempt to fend a short delivery from Imran popped up a dolly catch to Mohsin Khan at short square leg. In the same over two balls later, Imran uprooted the middle stump of Test debutant Jayasekera with a inswinger as Sri Lanka slipped to 17 for two.

Sri Lanka appeared to have recovered some ground when Wettimuny was joined by Dias, who cut loose with impunity in the afternoon session. Dias was specially severe on Tahir and plundered 16 runs from the bowler's sixth over. At lunch Sri Lanka were 27 for two and in three overs after lunch Tahir conceded 33 runs. Dias raised the 50 of his partnership with Wettimuny in only 61 minutes.

But the threatening stand was finally broken by Imran after it had realized 62 runs in a fast time of 83 minutes with the dismissal of Wettimuny caught by Iqbal Qasim. Wettimuny had scored 20 runs in his 113 minutes stay at the wicket and Sri Lankans were 79. After four runs Madugalle was back in the pavilion with a great catch by Ashraf Ali off Imran before scoring.

Mendis and Dias took tea at 126 for four and the pair went on scoring, playing strokes all around the wicket. Mendis attempting to lift Tauseef mistimed his shot and was caught by the bowler when he had scored 26 and Sri Lankans were 141.

Splendid show by Sikander

By a Staff Writer
DHAHRAN, March 23 — A fine all-round performance by Sikander enabled Arabian Gulf coast through to the semifinals of the First Division (knockout phase) of the Eastern Province Cricket League Friday.

Arabian Gulf, who started their First Division engagements late, sustained their chances with another dominating show, this time against Saudia (EP) Cricket Club at the Saulex Oval, Alkhorbar. The ten-wicket victory, after skitting out their opponents, earned them a semifinal meeting with surprise entrants Petromin. Petromin had put out fancied Karachi Gymkhana in the previous week engagements and this semifinal meeting should provide some fireworks.

With Saudia, making the first use of the pitch, rarely getting going, the accurate Arabian Gulf bowlers struck at regular intervals. Shakeel proved the main wrecker with three for 20 while Sikander and Jan Muhammad shared four wickets for 22 and 16 runs respectively, as Saudia reached a poor 84 on the strength of Muhammad Haroon (31) and Yusufuddin (21 n.o.). But the Arabian Gulf's opening pair rattled up the requisite runs without being separated. Sikander got 63, while Tauheed hit 22.

SCECO and BAC Cricket Club will clash in the final of the Second Division after scoring fluent victories at Dammam and Al-Khorbar respectively. While SCECO, enjoy-

ing home advantage, built their 78-run victory over Alkhorbar Cricket Club on an all-round showing by Amjad Pervaz, a middle-order rally by BAC batsmen enabled BAC to score its 35-run verdict over Pepsi.

SCECO, after being inhibited initially, surged to 197 in 27 overs. Pervaz remained undefeated on 50, while Waqar's 35 and Asif Hameed's 32 hoisted the innings. Though the target set was not a stiff one, Alkhorbar made heavy weather of their innings.

BAC utilized their quantum of 30 overs while plodding to 185 for eight wickets. After an early collapse, Mohsin Bhajji (45) and M. Fahmi (40) steadied the innings somewhat till a quick 34 by Yusuf Aziz enhanced the score. Brief scores:

Saudia (EP) CC 84 in 19.4 overs (M. Haroon 31, Yusufuddin 21 n.o. Shakeel 3 for 20, Jan 2 for 16, Sikander 2 for 22) lost to Arabian Gulf 85 for no-loss (Sikander 63 n.o., Tauheed 22 n.o.).

BAC CC 185 for 8 wks. in 30 overs (M. Bhajji 45, M. Fahmi 40, Yusuf Aziz 34, Javed 2 for 39, Omar 2 for 50) Pepsi 150 in 26.4 overs (Tasleem Shafiq 55, Muzaffar 24, Mushtaq 24, Mike Walker 3 for 30, Salamuddin 2 for 18, Bhajji 2 for 27, Asad 2 for 47).

SCECO 197 in 27 overs (Amjad Pervaz 50 n.o. Waqar 35, Asif Hameed 32, Tariq Butt 4 for 34, Sohail S. 2 for 44) beat Alkhorbar 119 in 17.6 overs (Waqar 31, Alif 16, Shahid 16, Amjad 4 for 35).

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Cryuff dropped from Dutch list

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, March 23 (AP) — Soccer star Johan Cryuff has been scrapped from the list of players eligible for the Dutch national squad after a conflict over commercial sponsoring, the Amsterdam Mass-circulation reported Monday.

Cryuff, an international with 47 caps, was informed of the decision in a letter from Dutch national coach Kees Rijvers Saturday, the newspaper said. Later, that same day, the 34-year-old midfielder led Ajax Amsterdam to a 9-1 victory over FC Den Haag in the Dutch Honor Division play. Cryuff scored twice and assisted on a hat-trick by forward Wim Kieft.

Rijvers, who traveled with his squad to Glasgow for a friendly game against Scotland on Tuesday, was not available for comment. But *De Telegraaf* quoted him as saying that "For me, the chapter on Cryuff has been definitely closed."

The conflict arose when Cryuff was invited to play against Scotland but told the Dutch Soccer Association he would only appear in a shirt bearing the markings of his sponsors. Attempts to find a compromise under which the Ajax star would play in "A neutral shirt" failed and Rijvers dropped Cryuff from the team, *De Telegraaf* said.

Cryuff was also unavailable for comment Monday. He is in Scotland to report on the game for a Dutch broadcasting station. Cryuff rose to fame with Ajax when he helped the Amsterdam club win the European Champions Cup for three consecutive years in 1971-73 and led the Dutch national squad to the final of the World Cup in 1973. He left Ajax to join FC Barcelona of Spain and later played for North American Soccer league teams. Despite an official retirement, he returned to his old club Ajax this season.

Meanwhile, the Dutch selectors have chosen young Ajax Amsterdam striker Wim Kieft to lead the attack in the Scotland vs Netherlands friendly. The 19-year-old Kieft last weekend became the leading scorer in the Dutch Honor Division with 23 goals this season.

The team: Hans Van Breukelen (FC Utrecht), Michel Van De Korpuit (Turin), Ruud Krol (Naples), Ronald Spelbos (AZ '67 Alkmaar), Hugo Hovengaop (AZ '67 Alkmaar), Frank Rijkaard (Ajax Amsterdam), Jan Peters (AZ '67 Alkmaar), John Metgod (AZ '67 Alkmaar), Arnold Muerhrens (Ipswich), Wim Kieft (Ajax), Simon Tahamata (Standard Liege).

The head coach of Algeria's World Cup bound football team and one of his assistants, came under attack in the Algerian press Sunday following the team's failure to win the Africa Cup in Libya.

According to the official Algerian press service the replacement of former coach Rogov of the Soviet Union by Khalef Mahieddine and technical director Rachid Mekhloufi affected the tactics, productivity and psychology of the team.



TOGETHER: Cricketers of Jeddah select XI and Riyadh select XI make a happy picture before their contest for the Inter-City Cricket Cup in Riyadh last weekend.

Pervaiz hits career-best 199

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, March 23 — Batsmen reaped a rich harvest of runs in the two-day Inter-City Cricket Cup clash between Jeddah and Riyadh.

Though the match ended in a draw last Friday, Jeddah were declared custodians of the Cup by virtue of its first innings lead, thus retaining the Cup which it had won on its inaugural year, last year.

And the man to whom Jeddah owes its dominance over the Cup is Pervaiz Shah. The lanky all-rounder, who has been having a superb season with Pak Saudi, stood head and shoulders above others with a career-best innings of 199. He was the master of all he surveyed at the WASP cricket ground, coming down heavily on nearly everything that was loose or outside his off stump. He held everyone spellbound with a magnificent display of all-round strokeplay.

Eight Riyadh bowlers chanced their arms in an effort to dislodge the ebullient Pervaiz, but in vain. But his memorable innings, embellished with six hits over the fence and 26 boundaries, came to a tragic end. Just on the threshold of reaching his maiden double century, Pervaiz fell while taking a single. He and the non-striker, Nasim, were involved in a mixup with Pervaiz dashing heedlessly. And when realization struck, he was standard in the middle. Riyadh did not let up the only opportunity they got, and away walked Pervaiz a sad man inspite of a mammoth contribution.

But before Pervaiz could delight the crowd with his superlative innings, Riyadh made the first use of the wicket with the coin rolling in their favor. And on a batsman's paradise, Riyadh were surprisingly in trouble with leg spinner Afaq sending back two batsmen with just 17 on the board. But one-draw bat, Dil-



TWO-AGAINST-ONE: Spurs goal-keeper Ray Clemence (hidden) is set to get hold of the ball as Southampton's David Armstrong (right), blocked by defender Steve Perryman, tries to get his head to the ball. Tottenham won the First Division tie 3-2 Saturday.

Hooper has it easy Barazzutti upsets Sadri

MILAN, Italy, March 23 (AP) — Chip Hooper, the rising star of U.S. tennis, scored an easy win against fellow American Bruce Manson in the opening round of the \$350,000-Cuore Tennis Cup Tournament Monday.

Hooper, 23, said he hopes to make the top 15 in the world within two years. He was rated 235th in 1981. Showing powerful serves and good passing shots from the baseline Hooper, downed the 26-year-old Manson 6-4, 6-4 in 93 minutes at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace.

Manson lost his serve once in the first set and twice in the second. He rallied from 0-4 to 3-5 in the second set, returning one break to his opponent but then failed to catch up. Switzerland's No. 1 player Heinz Günthard defeated Tim Gullickson of Boca West, Fla., in another first round match, which went to a third set and twice to the tiebreaker. Gullickson, who reached the tournament through qualifying rounds, was downed 6-2, 6-2, 7-6.

Jimmy Connors of the United States and Argentina's Guillermo Vilas are the top-seeded players in the tournament, which lost some luster following the last minute withdrawal of America's John McEnroe and Gene Mayer and South Africa's Johan Kriek, all suffering from injuries.

Vilas, who upset Connors in Sunday's final of the Rotterdam tournament and the American ace begin their first round engagements Tuesday and Wednesday. The Cuore Cup, continuing through Sunday,

awards \$70,000 to the winner of singles.

Australia's Rod Frawley defeated American Mel Purcell, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 in a match marked by many unforced mistakes by both players. The Australian won the decisive tie break 7-4 with a series of winning volleys from the net.

Fifth-seeded Brian Teacher of the U.S. fought hard to down British Davis Cup player Buster Mottaram 7-6, 6-4 in another first-round match. Teacher, 28, played beautiful volleys but was often in trouble against the crossed passing shots and precise lobs of the unseeded Briton.

In the first set Teacher broke the opponent serve in the sixth game and lost his own in the ninth to move to a 6-6 tie. The American won the tie-breaker 7-5 taking some risks close to the net.

In the second set Teacher made the decisive break in the fifth game to win the match in one hour and 28 minutes. Teacher gained a second round berth against Heinz Günthard of Switzerland, Italian Davis Cup veteran Corrado Barazzutti upset John Sadri the U.S., 6-3, 6-2 in one hour and 20 minutes.

Sadri, 26, winner of the Denver tournament, netted several volleys and was often in trouble against the precise, backhand passing shots of the Italian.

In the last first round match of the opening day Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid made shorts work of Pat Dupre of the U.S., 6-0, 6-2. Belgian-born Dupre was unable to stand the powerful play from the baseline of the Czech ace, a Davis Cup champion in 1980.

Dave Bosley corners glory

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 23 — Dave Bosley led a field of 25 through the tough 15-kilometer Jax Camp course on Friday (March 12) from the halfway stage to win the event with a degree of comfort.

The leader of Riyadh Road Runner table, John Langholz set the early pace. He was joined by Tim Cox at the head and both set an unusually fast pace. With the start itself being scaring, the pace soon told on Tim Cox, who was forced to retire. While, Langholz and Cox were jockeying for the lead, Bosley steadily gained ground and soon on Cox's exit smoothly moved ahead and never let up.

Newcomer Frank Edge took the third spot followed by the greatly improved Gary Barker. The day's heroes were the veteran contingent led by Roger Singler, who all recorded fast times. P. McArthur won the 10-kilometer event from B. Cumming and A. Rodriguez in that order. The 6.7 kilometer race was won by D. Thain.

After 11 races, John Langholz retains his iron grip on the 1981/82 Riyadh Road Runner Championship. His closest challenger was Rod Taylor but after missing the last two races, Taylor has slipped to the seventh position, and will now be lucky to get into the first five. Consistent performances from Art Smith and Wilf Deck keeps them in the race for honors. They and Langholz are the only ones to share the maximum possible distance.

With seven races still to go the position is: John Langholz 1, Art Smith 2, Wilf Deck 3, Gordon Nicol 4, Ivor John 5, Bary Barker 6, Rod Taylor 7, Dave Sarin 8, John Mulolland 9, Richard Gray 10.

Seven-A-Side Rugby

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 23 — Top teams from the Kingdom will be seen in action in the Seven-A-Side Rugby tournament organized by the Jeddah Rugby Football Club Friday.

The tournament will be played on league basis at the Benson & Hedges Park, which is located on the left side of Tahlia Street, just before the Makkah freeway. Matches will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day with the final slated at 4.30 p.m.

In last year's final, Jeddah just about managed to edge out Yanbu Barbarians so no doubt the Barbarians will be looking to reverse the result this year. Dhabran meanwhile will be out to prove that their victory over Jeddah in the final of the sevens competition at the start of the season was not due to home advantage.

In World Cup warmup Germans play Argentina sans Fischer

BUENOS AIRES, March 23, (Agencies) — West Germany and Argentina, the past and present kings of soccer will attract an audience of 77,000 fans when they clash in the Monumental Stadium here Wednesday.

West Germany, the 1954 and 1974 World Cup winners, will be without star strikers Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Klaus Fischer but Argentina will be back to near full-strength. The World Cup holders had hoped to welcome back the six riverplate players who were suspended for 35 days by their club last month, but goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol was ruled out Monday, with suspected hepatitis. He will be replaced by Hector Bale.

But the remaining five, captain Daniel Passarella, defender Alberto Tarantini, midfielder Americo Gallego and strikers Mario Kempes and Ramon Diaz will line-up against the West Germans.

West Germany's current form will be difficult to gauge without the presence of the injured Rummenigge, European footballer of the year for the past two seasons. Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti said the absence of Rummenigge from the South American tour was one of the main reasons for West Germany's 1-0 defeat against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday.

Fischer, injured against Brazil, is still unfit and Hamburg striker Horst Hrubesch, the two-goal hero of West Germany's 2-1 victory over Belgium in the 1980 European Championship final, is his likely replacement.

It will be Argentina's second World Cup warm-up match after their 0-0 draw with Czechoslovakia at home on March 9. The two teams last met in Montevideo in January last year when Argentina won 2-1. Argentina

meet Belgium, Hungary and El Salvador in Group Three in the World Cup finals while West Germany play Austria, Chile and Algeria.

Meanwhile, Manchester United goalkeeper Gary was brought into the England squad when Peter Shilton pulled out for the friendly against Atletico Bilbao in Spain. Nottingham Forest's Shilton has had to withdraw from the party with a stomach strain.

England manager Ron Greenwood said: "Peter thought it would be O.K. but that proved not to be the case and so Gary will fly over to give us cover for Joe Corrigan."

The exclusion of Shilton gives Corrigan a chance to press his claims in the team which includes two wingers, Steve Coppell and Tony Morley. Greenwood also includes Cyrille Regis while Mike Morley, has a good chance to continue his international progress. Steve Foster, the Brighton center half, is retained and partners Phil Thompson at the heart of the defense.

Cochrane included Northern Ireland have taken a leaf out of England's book by naming two wingers in their side for the friendly against France in Paris.

Middlesbrough's Terry Cochrane has been drafted in, and together with Noel Brotherton (Blackburn), will operate on the flanks to cover the absence of Burnley striker Billy Hamilton.

Manchester United right back Jimmy Nicholl will gamble on his bruised foot, to make his 26th consecutive appearance. He said: "I have rested it and the bruising is a lot easier."

Royle, Caugus set new marks

SAN JOSE, California, March 23 (AP) — British runner Adrian Royle set a course record of 28 minutes, 43.7 seconds Sunday in winning the fifth annual San Jose Mercury 10-kilometer race.

The women's division winner, Eileen Caugus of the United States, also established a record, 33:41, and finished a full minute ahead of runner-up Connie Hester. Second in the men's was Domingo Tibaduza of Colombia who was timed in at 28:58.

Meanwhile, a number of Britain's top athletes will be going to Portugal for a pre-season training camp being organized by the International Athletics Club.

Frank Dick, the British Amateur Athletic Board's national coach, will be in charge of the camp, and athletes who have accepted the invitation to take part include Allan Wells, Julian Goater, Joslyn Hoyte-Smith, Verona Elder, David Jenkins, Christina Boxer, Harry King, Sonia Lannaman, Paul Dickinson, Mike Winch and Beverley Callender.

The IAC, who have previously funded training camps in Nice and Madrid at an overall cost of 55,000 pounds, intend to hold them for the next two years leading up to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. This year's camp is intended to help athletes prepare for the season's major championships: The European and Commonwealth Games.

The first Malaysian Open Marathon Championship — said to be the biggest in Asia — will be held in Penang on Sept. 5, it was reported in Kuala Lumpur Monday.

The championship jointly organized by Cathay Pacific Airways and Penang Amateur Athletics Association is expected to draw more than 1,000 foreign participants in addition to local entries.

It will also be a tune-up for the Commonwealth runners since the Commonwealth Games has been scheduled to be held in Brisbane from September.

Nancy triumphs

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, March 23 (AP) — Nancy Lopez-Melton, who held a massive nine shot lead after nine holes, faltered on the 10th hole, but still hung in to shoot a 1-over-par 73 Sunday and take an easy five-shot win over Sandra Haynie in the \$200,000 J and B Pro-Am Golf Classic.

Lopez-Melton, a non-winner on the women's tour since she captured the Sara Coventry Tournament last June, had a five-shot lead going into the final round and expanded it to nine shots with two birdies on the front side.

Three bogeys on the back side trimmed her lead, but Lopez-Melton was never seriously threatened as she picked up the \$30,000 first prize with a tournament record 10-under par 279 total for four rounds.



MOCK BATTLE: Marvin Hagler (left) and Thomas Hearns stage a mock battle for the cameras at the announcement of their bout to be held on May 24.

In Nevada Hagler to fight Hearns

NEW YORK, March 23, (Agencies) — World middleweight champion Marvin Hagler will defend his title against former welterweight champion Thomas Hearns in Nevada on May 24, promoter Bob Arum announced Monday. The venue will be made known in a few days.

Arum, who has been trying to arrange a fight between the two hard-biting boxers for several months, said: "I have an idea that when all the receipts are in, Hagler will earn about five million dollars and Hearns about three million."

Meanwhile, world welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard said Monday he wants to fight Marvin Hagler in the middleweight category before retiring and would want a \$20 million purse to do so.

He also said he might give former champion Pipino Cuevas of Mexico a crack at the title if Cuevas defeats Hwan Chong Jae of South Korea in their 12-round bout next May 24 on the card of Hagler's defense against Thomas Hearns, beaten by Leonard for the undisputed welterweight title.

"Cuevas is a good fighter and I hope he defeats the Korean," he said. "I'm a natural welter, and the only reason I would invade the category is to fight Hagler," Leonard said. "My ambition is to hold three world titles... I only lack the middleweight now held by Hagler."

Leonard will defend the welterweight title against Roger Stafford in Buffalo May 14. Leonard is here as the guest of WBC presi-

Nicholl picked up the injury in the 4-0 defeat by England at Wembley last month, and manager Bingham has taken steps to tighten up his defense.

Experienced Brighton full back Sammy Nelson is dropped, with Luton's Mal Donaghy returning to the left back position after playing in midfield against England. With Pat Jennings out through injury, Middlesbrough's Jim Platt makes his first appearance in goal for 18 months.

In Brussels, ebullient Belgium, runners up to West Germany in the 1980 European Soccer Championship, begin their run up to the World Cup when they meet Rontania Wednesday.

The Belgians have arranged four warm-up matches before they face holders Argentina, Hungary and El Salvador in Group Three in Spain and midfield star Franky Vercauteren said Tuesday: "The 'Mundial' begins on Wednesday for the 'Red Devils'."

Romania, in the World Cup wilderness since 1970, have now overcome the demoralization of losing out to England and Hungary in this year's qualifying matches and are regrouping under new manager, 36-year-old Mircea Lucescu. But they will be hard pressed to beat a side which shows every sign of being in the ascendancy. Apart from hosts Spain and holders Argentina, Belgium were the first side to qualify for the 1982 World Cup. Now the 'Red Devils' are on confidence-boosting mission before they open the World Cup against Argentina in Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium on June 13. Belgian manager Guy Thys has deliberately chosen moderate opposition in the hope of a string of victories.

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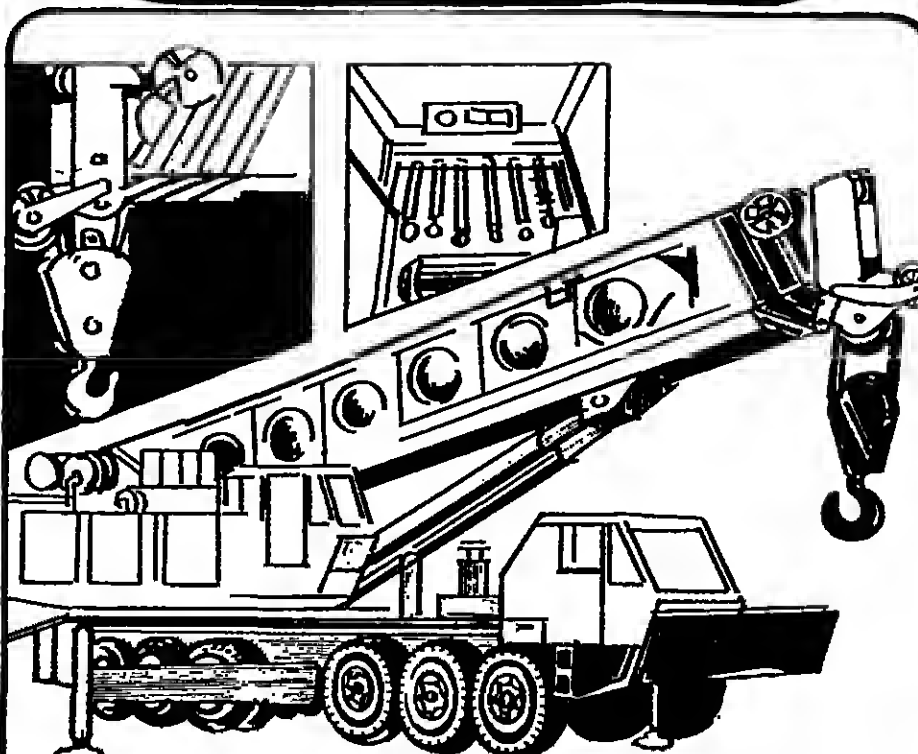
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France delays arms to Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand has agreed to delay the delivery of French arms to the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, the weekly magazine *Newsweek* reported here Tuesday. This "highly significant concession" was made by Mitterrand during his March 12 meeting here with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, *Newsweek* said.

In a related development, the Security Council will meet Wednesday to consider Nicaragua's complaint that the United States is fomenting a conflagration in Central America, a diplomatic source said at the United Nations.

Daniel Ortega Saavedra, head of Nicaragua's Sandinista revolutionary junta, was expected at the U.N. Tuesday and could be the first speaker at the Security Council meeting. He was due to meet first with representatives of the nonaligned movement, U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, this month's president of the Security Council, held day-long talks Monday with other council members.

Meanwhile, Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda met with Nicaraguan leaders Monday and reported they have "a good disposition" toward resolving problems with the United States.

Castaneda arrived from Havana to brief the ruling three-man junta on his talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Cuban President Fidel Castro. "I observed a good disposition on behalf of the Nicaraguan government to solve pending affairs between (the United States and Nicaragua) and the political problems affecting Central America and the Caribbean," Castaneda told reporters after meeting privately with the junta.

The purpose of his visits to both countries was to discuss Haig's response to the Mexican proposal for solving conflicts in Central America and the Caribbean.

Mexico's plan calls for talks to improve U.S. relations with Cuba and Nicaragua as part of an effort to end the civil war in El Salvador, where leftist guerrillas are fighting to topple the U.S.-backed junta.

The United States has proposed a five-point plan for improving U.S. relations, but Nicaraguan officials have said the plan won't work unless the United States promises not to attack Nicaragua. Nicaragua has claimed that invasion by U.S.-backed forces is imminent with the approach of elections Sunday in neighboring El Salvador. The United States has denied there is any such plan.

Haig's proposals, presented to the Nicaraguan government last August and made public March 15, include agreement by both nations to respect the principles of non-intervention in the charter of the Organization of the American States.

Shuttle's heat-protection tiles missing

SPACE CENTER, Houston, March 23 (Agencies) — Mission control said Tuesday that thermal heat-protection tiles are chipped on the U.S. space shuttle *Columbia*'s nose and said it is more a matter of "engineering curiosity" than concern.

The space shuttle astronauts reported Tuesday morning that several of *Columbia*'s 30,000 tiles were missing, but ground experts said the descriptions of the tile areas indicated chipped squares instead. The silica tiles cover the shuttle's body to protect that craft from the dangerous heat of re-entry.

Jack R. Lousma, commander of the shuttle, said Tuesday morning that "We're missing a few tiles," between the thrusters and the windows on *Columbia*'s nose, and that those affected appeared to be white. Black tiles coat the ship's underbelly and take the

Ecologists worry Schmidt's party

BONN, March 23 (AFP) — West German political leaders in office are becoming increasingly worried over the ecologist movement, which they blame for the defeat of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's ruling Social Democrat Party (SPD) in Sunday's Lower Saxony state elections. The ecologists won more than 6.5 percent of the votes, beating Chancellor Schmidt's coalition allies — the Liberals, led by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher — who won only 5.9 percent.

The ecologists can rightly claim to be West Germany's fourth strongest political movement after its Lower Saxony successes added to seats gained in local regional assemblies in the past two years in Bremen (5.1 percent); Stuttgart (5.3 percent); West Berlin (7.2 percent). In local elections in Schleswig-Holstein on March 7, the ecologists increased their votes to five percent from 0.7 percent in 1978.

A public opinion poll published Tuesday showed that the ecologists would win 4.5 percent of the votes in a nationwide election. Lukas Beckmann, secretary-general of the ecologists, explained the reason for his

'Bullet train' to link two U.S. cities

SAN DIEGO, March 23 (AP) — Amtrak officials intend to announce plans this month for a privately financed 150 mph (241 kph) "bullet train" that would cut train travel time between Los Angeles and San Diego in half, a newspaper reported.

A study conducted over the past seven months has concluded that such a train down the center of Interstate 5 is technically feasible. The *San Diego Union* reported in Tuesday's editions. It would cost an estimated \$2 billion.

Currently, trains take two hours and 45 minutes, including stops, to make the 120-mile (193-km) trip between the two cities.

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no release or leakage of radioactive material," Peters said.

Both ships were able to sail off under their own power, Peters said. The *Jacksonville* sailed to Norfolk and the freighter, the *General Z. Dogan*, to Newport News.

Lt. Cmdr. Tony Hilton, spokesman for submarine force Atlantic headquarters here, said a preliminary inspection of the *Jacksonville* found "humps and scrapes but no holes," and the Navy planned to have divers "make sure there was no more damage."

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The ecologists represent a danger for Chancellor Schmidt because not only do they aim at the same electoral clientele, but they are supporting particularly burning issues in West Germany today. Last November 150,000 demonstrators, although not all ecologists, protested against an extension of Frankfurt International Airport.

There have also been huge mass rallies supporting job guarantees and against nuclear arms — there was a huge rally of 300,000 persons in Bonn last October, protesting against basing Western nuclear missiles in West Germany. All these themes are profoundly splitting Chancellor Schmidt's own SPD.

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The paper said Gov. Edmund G. Brown and some state senators have already been briefed on the plan, which is to be announced March 31.

At a briefing session March 9, the paper said, Brown agreed to write a letter indicating state support for the proposal, and a legislative resolution endorsing the bullet train was agreed upon.

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ized that perhaps ice falling off the external fuel tank "dinked (trimmed) those tiles on the way up."

Columbia's tiles performed well on the ship's first two missions. One tile was missing and about 17 were damaged after its first launch, providing a dramatic anxiousness for re-entry, but descent was picture perfect. About 40 tiles suffered minor damage during the second flight. Some tiles are so critically placed that their disappearance could cause a major problem.

The astronauts also complained about fluctuating temperatures in the cabin, saying their eight-hour sleep period began with an atmosphere that was too warm and ended with a cold spell that forced them to put on flight jackets.

They were woken up by lively country music from mission control while the reusable spacecraft passed over Australia in its 14th orbit following a nearly flawless launch Monday.

Before turning in the astronauts had to battle with a Mediterranean fruit fly which managed to stow away aboard the shuttle. The "medfly," as the pests that have ravaged fruit crops in Florida and California are known, was spared by the astronauts, who have in their hold a collection of plants and moths for tests in a weightless environment.

One of the astronauts' first tasks on waking will be to correct the position of the shuttle's tail which they left pointing at the sun when they went to bed. The operation exposed the metal tail to the sun's heat and plunged the cargo hold and instruments into cold and darkness. On Wednesday the astronauts will orient the nose to the sun and then on Saturday the hold will be exposed to the sun. *Columbia* is to return to earth next Monday.

Back on earth, the reusable booster engines of the \$600 million *Columbia* were recovered by ships off the Florida coast. Each flight on the *Columbia* now costs about \$100 million, but officials say the shuttle will eventually require only a two-week overhaul instead of several months and the launching costs will fall to between \$20 and 40 million.

Chinese, Vietnamese trade charges at ESCAP session

BANGKOK, March 23 (AFP) — China and Vietnam Tuesday exchanged heated words at a United Nations meeting here after the Chinese delegate condemned the "invasion and military occupation of Afghanistan and Cambodia."

Speaking at the 38th annual session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Chinese vice minister for foreign affairs, He Ying denounced "the acts of aggression and expansion" of the "hegemonists" — Chinese parlance for the Soviet Union and Vietnam.

He charged that these acts "constitute a grave threat to the economic growth and social stability" in the ESCAP region and have forced "the exodus of millions of refugees" from Afghanistan and Cambodia. The Chinese delegate called on the international community to "severely condemn" this "hegemonist policy of aggression."

In a rejoinder, Le Dinh Can, deputy director of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry's international organization department, charged that Chinese "expansionism" "con-

stituted a threat to this region."

Le Dinh Can, who is scheduled to speak Thursday, charged that guerrillas of the ousted Khmer Rouge government had been receiving "assistance" from China, and accused China of aiming to carry out subversion in the three Indochinese countries (Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos) as well as in other parts of Asia.

The deputy director said that the presence of Vietnamese troops in Cambodia came under an agreement between Vietnam and Cambodia. There are currently about 200,000 Vietnamese troops stationed in Cambodia.

The Chinese delegate added in his speech that numerous difficulties had tremendous obstacles are expected to be encountered in establishing the new international economic order and one should not expect the North-South issues to be solved just through a few rounds of negotiations. He called on developing countries to coordinate their actions in order to build up their strength step by step and free themselves from economic dependence on the developed countries.

U.K. by-election result to be close

GLASGOW, March 23 (AFP) — A photo finish is expected in the Hillhead by-election here on Thursday when Roy Jenkins, former president of the European Economic Community (EEC) commission, stakes his political future and probably also that of the newly constituted, social Democratic-Liberal alliance. Opinion polls all predict a very close result in the mixed residential and working class Scottish constituency.

The floating vote — about one-third of the electorate — will determine whether the coalition, which could become a decisive force midway between the Conservatives and the Labor Party, dies a quick death or goes its second wind.

Jenkins, a former Labor chancellor of the exchequer, wound up his campaign with a

"meet-the-people" tour of shopping centers in the red brick suburb. The 62-year-old Jenkins was assisted in his campaign by two other founders of the SDP and former Laborites, Shirley Williams and William Rodgers. Liberal leader David Steel also visited Hillhead to boost the Jenkins campaign.

The SDP-Liberal coalition is seeking to occupy the middle ground between a Labor Party increasingly dominated by its left wing and a Conservative Party under the leadership of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The SDP leadership, reared by personal rivalries, has refused to form a common front for the Hillhead by-election.

For Jenkins it is a now-or-never opportunity to become the leader of the SDP-Liberal alliance and a possible future prime minister.

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